

Principles and Purposes Poetry Poster

1) We honor the inherent worth
Of every last person on earth.
That means every soul
Is a part of the whole—
Respect all from their moment of birth.
(The inherent worth and dignity of every person)

2) Practice justice—be fair and be kind.
Keep the needs of all people in mind.
In our words and our deeds
Let us think of the needs
Of our neighbors and all humankind.
(Justice, equity and compassion in human relationships)

3) Every person's a great work of art
Which is beautiful right from the start.
But it also is true
That we never are through.
Help each other learn greatness of heart.
(Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations.)

4) All our lives are an ongoing quest.
We go searching north, south, east and
west
To find out what is real
Through the things that we feel
With our minds and our spirits the test.
(A free and responsible search for truth and meaning)

5) There's no reason for people to fight
If we simply hold fast to the right
Of each person to vote.
You won't get someone's goat
If you speak out but still be polite.
(The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large)

6) Our hope for all people, all places,
All countries, religions and races,
Is to join hand in hand
Spreading peace through the land.
In respect all division erases.
(The goal of world community with peace liberty and justice for all)

7) All plants, beasts and people belong
To a web that is silent but strong.
Every choice that you make
Leaves a trail in its wake,
So remember, you're part of the throng.
(Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part)

