

Karolyn A. Schalk            Statement in Support of Extension of Collaborative Agreement

As a denomination Unitarian Universalists are committed to the affirmation and promotion of justice, equity and compassion in human relations. The Unitarian Universalist Council of Greater Cincinnati supports the extension of the Collaborative Agreement because we think that it is the most effective way to establish a community of trust protected by a covenant of good faith between its citizens and police.

We should be pleased that significant progress has been made towards some goals of the agreement, but we should not be satisfied until significant progress is made across all goals of the agreement. Based on the fifteenth monitor report there is still work to be done in the areas of mutual trust and cooperation. Continuation of the agreement is an acknowledgement of the effort to date, and a motivation to do more.

Social behaviors are learned and passed from one generation to the next, and Cincinnati is a city known for the strength of its traditions. Extension of the Collaborative Agreement gives us the opportunity to strive for fair, equitable, and courteous treatment for all as our community standard.

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