

Fellowship Circle Resources - Topics: Ultimate Optimism

Chalice and Opening Words

Check-in/sharing

Reading/Topic:

[Review the first 4]

The fifth (and final) tenet of James Luther Adams' religious liberalism is that we have the right to an attitude of ultimate optimism.

Questions for Discussion:

What things depress you and make you feel powerless? How do you handle those events and those feelings? Creating a just and loving and virtuous community is not easy. It takes each of us and all of us.

What are some reasons you have for being hopeful?

Does Unitarian Universalism give you reason to hope?

Likes and wishes

Check-on

Closing:

When we participate in processes that restore dignity in people's lives we are doing religious work. Alternate Closing: The good news of liberalism is that our optimism is not founded on numbers, but on faith. It is founded on the faith that we can make a difference. It is founded on the dedication we have to know the divinity -- the holy light, the spirit of love and compassion and justice -- that each of us has within.

Notes on the session

Closing