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Section 2 In accordance with these corporate purposes, the members of the Unitarian Universalist Association, dedicated to the principles of a free faith, unite in seeking:

- (1) To strengthen one another in a free and disciplined search for truth as the foundation of our religious fellowship;
- (2) To cherish and spread the universal truths taught by the great prophets and teachers of humanity in every age and tradition, immemorially summarized in the Judeo-Christian heritage as love to God and love to man;
- (3) To affirm, defend and promote the supreme worth of every human personality, the dignity of man, and the use of the democratic method in human relationships;
- (4) To implement our vision of one world by striving for a world community founded on ideals of brotherhood, justice, and peace;
- (5) To serve the needs of member churches and fellowships, to organize new churches and fellowships, and to extend and strengthen liberal religion;
- (6) To encourage cooperation with men of good will in every land.

CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS of the Unitarian Universalist Association

THE PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF MADISON

Temporary By-Laws approved April 7, 1968, for proposal as basis for organization and first year operation.

A Meditation by Phillip Hewett

When we hear the expression "a living death", we generally expect a description of some horrible and quite extraordinary condition. Yet such a phrase might be considerably broadened in its scope to give an apt description of many lives not normally regarded as horrible or in any way extraordinary. We have too easily come to regard life as the equivalent of existence, and death as the equivalent of non-existence. So we recognize only with great difficulty that many of the people we see around us are only existing; they are not really living. And we are even less willing to consider whether the same might be true of ourselves.

Are we just postponing life, waiting for some specified or unspecified time in the future when our real living will began? This is the sort of future that never comes. It is now that we must discover the values of the spirit that remain unchanged by the passage of time. It is now that we must decide what things make life worth living, and strive to attain them. It is now that we must visualize the form the uncarven image will take, and labor for its creation. And we will find that the things we can really live by are the things we can also die by:

Fear not that thy life shall come to an end, but rather fear that it shall never have a beginning. John Henry Newman

I hear a good many pretend they are going to die...Non-sense !.I'll defy them to do it. They haven't got life enough in them...Only half a dozen or so have died since the world began. In order to die you must first have lived. Henry David Thoreau

Those who take the true path in philosophy study nothing but dying and being dead. Plato

There is a great difference between taking a thing seriously and taking it literally. Maude Royden

The Prairie Society and the "Minister-On-Loan Program"

During the next five weeks, I will be working with various individuals within the Prairie Society. My sojourn with you all has been made possible by The Olmsted Church and the UUA. I hope to be meeting with most of you all individually during the next few weeks. I will also be working as a resource person for committees within the society. Messages may be related to me via Mrs. Roland Parrish (Avis) 238-1725. During my stay, I will be living with three families from the Prairie society. I may be contacted directly at these homes.

March 19- April 2, Mr. Glen Turner Ph:233-2468

April 2--April 16, Mr. & Mrs. Cautley Ph: 238-5373

April 16--April 30, Mr. & Mrs. Werner Ph: 233-3881

Sometime between April 7 & 12, I will return for a few days to the Cleveland area.

Actual copy of contract between Olmsted church & UUA regarding "Minister-On-Loan" will be available at next Sunday's meeting. I am also enclosing in this mailing an essay which presents some of the history of Minister-on-Loan program and some of my attitudes toward such a program. I will say this is an experimental program. The value of this program will be ultimately decided by the Prairie society.

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Sunday Morning, March 30, Minister in charge  
April 6th, Festival of Renewal & Spring

April 13th, John 23 community & Prairie society, Theme: Social misfits or creative leaders.

April 23rd, Decision Making

April 27nd, ? ? ? ?

Quote without comment.

"No Easter this year, they found the body."

- Officers & chairman of Prairie Society X
- President Robert Koehl X
- Vice-President-Howard Bryant X
- Secretary-Karen Peters X
- Finance Committee X
- Randolph Cautley X
- Religious Education Committee X
- William Burns X
- Program Committee X
- Boris Frank X
- Ministerial Search Committee X
- Roland Parrish X
- Permanent By-Law Committee X
- Lloyd Bitzer X
- Membership Committee X
- Sidney Mannering X
- House and Hospitality committee X
- Jim Cooper X
- Social Action committee X
- Evelyn Werner X
- Liturgy Committee X
- George Feiler X
- Nominating Committee X
- Chairman, Avis Parrish X
- Jene Bostian X
- Lloyd Bitzer X
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- Religious Education Director X
- Marcia Geer X
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- "It does not demand all men to think alike, but to.... get as near as possible to truth. Not ...to live alike, but ...get as near as possible to a life perfectly divine...."
- Theodore Parker(1810-1860)
- Early Unitarian preacher, often the most radical of early Unitarians.

C A L E N D A R

Sunday-April 6th 10:30am  
Festival of Renewal & Spring, a service with children & adults  
Teri Laurence, coordinator, John & Leslie Miller, Lilo Koehl also participating.

Sunday-April 13, 10:00 am  
This service will begin 1/2 hour earlier than our usual time.  
The John 23rd Community adults & children will be meeting with us. Please note the time for this Sunday only.

Sunday April 13, 7:30 pm  
A discussion of Unitarian Universalist history & ideas at the home of Marvin & Mary Jane Woerpel-4833 Holiday Drive. This is for members & potential members of Prairie society. If you are interested or plan to come, please call Mary Anne at 233-3389 by Thu April 10th.

Saturday-April 19th, 8 o'clock pm. Congregational meeting at home of Dydney Mannering-3202 Bluff St. Ph. 238-2829. A democratic society depends on the support of its members. Other programs and activity will be announced during morning service.

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"I think that I shall never see  
A billboard lovely as a tree.  
Perhaps, unless the bill-boards fall,  
I'll Never see a tree at all."  
Ogden Nash