

Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church Proposed Resolution: NWUU TO BE A HOUSE OF PEACE*

The NWUU Outreach Committee recommends that Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church adopt the following resolution calling for the congregation to be designated as a “House of Peace”.

WHEREAS, Peace is intrinsic to the spiritual practices of Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church (NWUU);

WHEREAS, NWUU in Southfield embraces, promotes and cherishes Peace as a state of being, individually, in community and in its sacred space;

WHEREAS, in order to preserve their peace and safety, members of Northwest UU Church prefer that no weapons, as specified in a NWUU Church weapons policy, will be brought into NWUU’s sacred space; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church located at 23925 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, Michigan 48075, is hereby declared and designated as a “House of Peace” from this day forward.

Northwest UU Church Weapons Policy

With the exception of law enforcement personnel, firearms shall not be permitted inside the church building and must be secured in a locked vehicle if brought onto church grounds. Items universally recognized as weapons, e.g., knives, bludgeons, bows, tasers, tear gas, etc., are likewise prohibited unless an assigned designee has determined that said items serve a legitimate religious/spiritual or educational purpose. The NWUU minister is a person considered to be an “assigned designee” for this purpose. Pocket knives with less than a three inch blade are permitted.

Individuals refusing to abide by the above shall be directed to leave the Church property immediately and informed that their continued presence shall be considered to be a trespass.

These resolutions were approved at a NWUU Congregational meeting on January 25, 2015. The NWUU Church Weapons policy was ratified by the Board of Directors on February 5, 2015. (Note: The Church Weapons Policy was drafted by a NWUU member who has a concealed weapons permit and has worked as warden at a state prison.)

