

# AMERICAN ETHICAL UNION

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### *Mission Statement*

The American Ethical Union creates, nurtures, and inspires ethical humanist communities to foster a world that is democratic, compassionate, just, and sustainable.

*Ethical Humanism/Ethical Culture* is an alternative to traditional religion, often referred to as a non-theistic or humanist Movement because it focuses on ethics over speculative theology. Our members work to foster a world that honors the worth of every individual, nurtures ethical relationships, and builds social justice. We believe in deed before creed and seek partnerships with groups dedicated to empowering everyone through service and activism. We advocate for reason, compassion, and rational thinking so that we can celebrate with and support each other through life.

### *Ethical Core Values*

Every person is important and unique.

Every person deserves to be treated fairly and kindly.

I can learn from everyone.

I am a part of this earth; I cherish it and all life upon it.

I learn from the world around me by using my senses, mind and feelings.

I am a member of the world community which depends on the cooperation of all people for peace and justice.

I can learn from the past to build for the future.

I am free to question.

I am free to choose what I believe.

I accept responsibility for my choices and actions.

I strive to live my values.

I view ethics as my religion.