

***WHY are we called to be the United Church of Christ in this time and place? To live into God's extravagant welcome and advocate for justice. So that all know love, safety, belonging and dignity.***

**How the Iowa Conference UCC will live into our "why" statement above:**

Putting faith into action:

- Embody justice, mercy and loving kindness

Celebrating:

- Lavish love toward God, all people, and creation

Fostering transformation and embracing change:

- Listen to and following our still-speaking God
- Strive to faithfully live up to who God has created and called us to be

Listening and sharing:

- Honor others' stories and experiences

Giving honor to God:

- Honor all people and creation, so that we honor the masterpiece of God's handiwork

Creating safe space:

- Ensure the emotional, physical, spiritual well-being of all