PROPOSED for Vote, May 21, 2017:

**Mission Statement**
We are a spiritual community actively answering the call for love, compassion, reason, and justice.

**Vision Statement**
Countryside is committed to being a voice of and active presence for liberal religion in the northwest suburbs. Empowered by our Mission Statement, we endeavor to:

- Create a welcoming place of connectedness, compassion, and respect for people of all ages.
- Advance inclusivity and diversity within our congregation and community.
- Care for each other in times of joy, sorrow, and transition.
- Provide for spiritual and intellectual growth and inspire lifelong learning.
- Promote a sustainable future for our community and world by acting with a social, environmental, and global conscience.
- Communicate and spread the message of Unitarian Universalism within and beyond our community.
- Promote peace and justice in our congregation, communities, and the world.
- Engage in thoughtful stewardship of our resources to achieve our mission and carry out our vision.

CURRENTLY IN PLACE:

**Our Vision**
We come together as a congregation to inspire our quests for the spiritual, ethical, and meaningful in life and to advance respect, compassion, and justice in the wider world.

**Our Mission**
Countryside is seen as the growing voice and source of liberal religion in the northwest Chicago suburbs by...

- ...creating a place of inclusiveness, welcome, connectedness, compassion and respect
- ...providing for the spiritual and intellectual growth of members of all ages
- ...cultivating a vital future for our congregation and community through thoughtful stewardship of our financial resources and our environment
- ...acting on a social conscience

To serve our mission and make real our vision, we engage with one another and with this congregation in the light of these

**Aspirations of Membership:**
To the extent that my life circumstances permit, as a member of Countryside Church Unitarian Universalist I will:

- Attend Sunday services and congregational meetings
- Seek out and share opportunities for spiritual, ethical, and meaningful growth
- Engage in congregational projects, programs, or events that reach beyond the church
- Engage in congregational projects, programs, or events that support the life of the church
- Strive to give 3 - 5% of my income to support the mission of the church
- Share with others outside the church the value of my membership at Countryside Church Unitarian Universalist

**Covenant of Right Relationship**
In my relationship with the CCUU community and in keeping with our UU values, I will strive to:

- Take responsibility for my words and actions by being honest and respectful in my speech, while listening to others with an open mind and heart;
- Be sensitive to possible conflicts, and be willing to work toward solutions using available resources, accepting that some differences may not be resolvable;
- Respect and support the diversity within our congregation, and work to create and maintain a safe and welcoming environment for all.