

Ten Things to Do Right Now
A Wider Welcome - A Bolder Justice: Beyond Partisan Division

1. Have a **conversation with a minister** in your congregation about the goal of extending your congregation's welcome beyond partisan division. Let your minister know that you are willing to help serve this goal now and in the future.
2. Consider the **welcome words** shared at weekly worship services. Do they invite partisan difference? Consider requesting the addition of a phrase that does. One option is: "Whoever you are, wherever you come from, whatever your identity, age, ability or history, know you are welcome to bring your full self here."
3. Join and invite others to join the "**Love Reaches Out and In - Beyond Partisan Division**" Facebook Page and engage with the resources and the conversation. This is not a forum for conservative Unitarian Universalists, but a forum with the goal of reaching beyond partisan division.
4. Work with a minister in your congregation to develop a **worship service** engaging the theme of reaching beyond partisan division.
5. Work with the Covenant Group or Small Group Coordinator in your congregation to utilize the **Covenant Group Session: "Will It Matter?"**
6. **Listen reflectively** to the thoughts you hear delivered during worship services. Listen especially for exclusivist terminology, like "All of us here support..." or "We all want ..." Do what you can to advocate for the disenfranchised within your community.
7. **Listen reflectively** to the thoughts you hear delivered in social congregational settings. Often the most damning partisan affronts occur in these informal arenas. Be prepared to speak up for the voices that are not present or not heard.
8. **Out yourself.** If you become an advocate for widening the welcome in your congregation, across the partisan divide, you will be "outed" and recognized by the disenfranchised. You will be approached and likely, thanked, by those that thought they were alone.
9. Host a **Book Discussion** of Jonathan Haight's "The Righteous Mind: Why Good People Are Divided by Politics and Religion," or David Brook's "The Social Animal - The Hidden Sources of Love, Character, and Achievement," or a **Video Night**, where you watch the Ted Talks by Dan Ariely: "Are we in Control of our Own Decisions," and David Brooks: "The Social Animal."
10. **Do the Personal Work:** Consider the partisan divide and the way it effects your life. Pay attention to your own responses to partisan rhetoric. Study the emotions you experience when you engage in partisan debate. Work to serve a justice that is bigger and bolder than any political party.