

Principles of a Progressive Church



Mission Hills United Church of Christ

Mission Hills UCC is affiliated with the Center for Progressive Christianity. By calling ourselves progressive, we mean that we are Christians who:

1. Proclaim Jesus Christ as our gate to the realm of God;
2. Recognize the faithfulness of other people who have other names for the gateway to God's realm;
3. Understand our sharing of bread and wine in Jesus' name to be a representation of God's feast for all peoples;
4. Invite all people to join in our worship and in our common life as full partners, including (but not limited to):
 - Believers and agnostics
 - Conventional Christians and questioning skeptics
 - Homosexuals and heterosexuals
 - Males and females
 - Those of all races and cultures
 - Those of all classes and abilities
5. Think that the way we treat one another and other people is more important than the way we express our beliefs;
6. Find more grace in the search for meaning than in absolute certainty, in the questions than in the answers;
7. See ourselves as a spiritual community in which we discover the resources required for our work in the world: striving for justice and peace among all people, bringing hope to those Jesus called the least of his sisters and brothers;
8. Recognize that our faith entails costly discipleship, renunciation of privilege, and conscientious resistance to evil - as has always been the tradition of the Church.