

First Unitarian Church of San Jose, California

Statement in Support of The First Unitarian Church's Moral Position of The Rights of Nature as it Pertains to the Standing Rock Sioux Nation Water Protectors in their protest of the Dakota Access Pipeline and its threat to water and native sacred sites.

WHEREAS, the First Unitarian Church of San Jose in an official congregational meeting in April 2013 passed The Statement on the Rights of Nature, and

WHEREAS, our 7th Unitarian Universalist Principle calls us to respect the interdependent web of existence of which we are a part, and

WHEREAS, our 6th Unitarian Universalist Source calls us to live in harmony with the cycles and seasons of Nature and respect the wisdom of Indigenous Peoples, and

WHEREAS, the Standing Rock Sioux Nation opposes this oil pipeline that would threaten water supplies and sacred sites, and

WHEREAS, the Unitarian Universalist Association President Peter Morales issued a statement opposing the Dakota Access Pipeline, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the First Unitarian Church of San Jose stands in solidarity with the Standing Rock Sioux Nation Water Protectors, and all those who are called to join their protest in North Dakota.