



## **Unitarian Universalist Council of Greater Cincinnati**

### **Motion of Support for the Anna Louise Inn**

**September 10, 2011**

The Unitarian Universalist Council of Greater Cincinnati supports the mission of the Anna Louise Inn, which has provided safe and affordable housing for women for 102 years in its current location. The Unitarian Universalist Council recognizes that women in Cincinnati have an option for permanent supportive housing in a location that is within walking distance of downtown Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky and is close to a bus line.

The Anna Louise Inn is a good neighbor and contributes to the economic vitality of its neighborhood and the city. The July 2010 award to Cincinnati Union Bethel of tax credits from the Ohio Housing Finance Agency will provide for the renovation and upgrade of the Anna Louise Inn facilities for the women it serves. The renovations will enable the Anna Louise Inn to remain in compliance with historic preservation standards and the renovation will create jobs.

Successful center city economic development is about using the best methods where market rate and affordable housing co-exist. The Lytle Park District has that. The Residence Inn, Park Place, and many other market rate condominiums and apartments and the Anna Louise Inn have lived in harmony for years.

The Anna Louise Inn should remain where it is and continue its mission of providing safe and affordable housing for single women which was identified as a top priority in the City's Homeless to Homes Plan. The UU Council of Greater Cincinnati affirms that the renovation of the Anna Louise Inn is good for our city, good for the Lytle Park district, and the community as a whole.

The officers and members of the Unitarian Universalist Council of Greater Cincinnati will communicate this strong endorsement of support for the Anna Louise Inn to the City Council and Mayor of Cincinnati to the media, and to other agencies and businesses who have raised questions about the mission and location of The Anna Louise Inn. This stance is in keeping with the policy of the Unitarian Universalist Association and our first principle which celebrates the "Inherent worth and Dignity of every person".

Motion Passed at Unitarian Universalist Council of Greater Cincinnati's Meeting on 9/10/11.

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