MISSION AND PURPOSE

I. Mission: We connect and celebrate.
   The mission of the Southern Arizona CUUPS chapter is to connect UUs and Pagans of many different faiths in an inclusive, welcoming space. We celebrate our Earth-based faith traditions in harmony with our UU principles.

II. Purpose:
   Southern Arizona CUUPS is an interfaith group sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson (UUCT). We serve the UUCT community and the wider Southern Arizona and Tucson region by
   1) holding regular public worship services / seasonal ritual celebrations,
   2) presenting educational sessions and study groups with an Earth-centered spiritual perspective, and
   3) donating financially to the UUCT.
   We invite UUs to learn more about the basics of Paganism, and we invite Pagans to learn more about Unitarian Universalism.

III. Who We Are
   A. We support both the CUUPS Mission and Vision statement and the UUA Principles and Purposes.
   B. We are both Pagan and Unitarian Universalists. We are an inclusive spiritual community that encompasses many faith traditions and belief systems. We happily worship and play together and learn from each other. We share fellowship and discuss common problems.
1) Paganism is often defined and identified as Polytheism, especially as it relates to rituals. However, we make a place for the belief and inclusion of differing views on Nature, the Gods, and spirituality.

2) We favor “Big Tent” Paganism that deliberately includes many traditions. Our members include Druids, British Traditional Wiccans, Celtic Pagans, Eclectic / Faery Tradition Pagans, Hindu practitioners, agnostics/atheists, spiritual seekers, humanists, people who meditate, and others.

C. We draw strength from many foundations, as described in the UU Sources of Our Living Tradition. The Sixth Source is particularly relevant to us as Pagans: “Spiritual teachings of Earth-centered traditions, which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.”

D. Our events are open to people at all levels of experience. Participants bring their own truths and spiritual backgrounds to the circle.

E. We are sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson (UUCT).

IV. Group Norms (Relationship Agreements)

A. Be kind.

B. Respectfully accept our differences.

C. Be considerate of others:
   1) Silence cell phones during events.
   2) Minimize side conversations.
   3) Listen actively without interrupting. Leave space for others to speak.
   4) Educate rather than chastise.

D. Start and end events on time.

E. Be flexible. Stuff happens.

F. Arrive prepared and in a fit state (sober and healthy) for events.

G. Keep your commitments, and notify the others early if you cannot do something you committed to.

H. Make decisions by consensus.