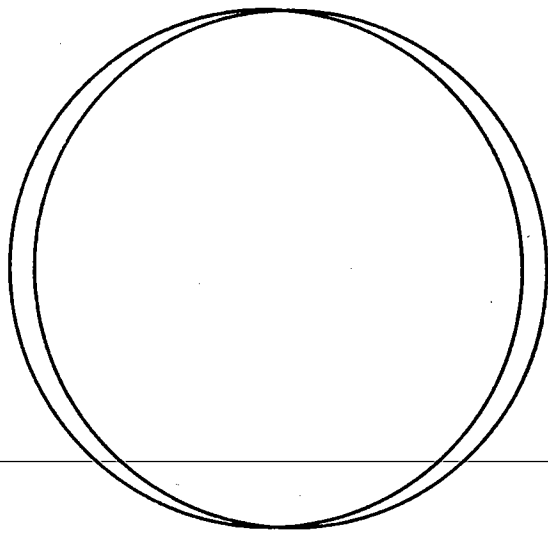


REPORT  
OF THE  
COMMITTEE ON GOALS



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION

## THE QUESTIONNAIRE

Information and Instructions to Respondents  
(reprinted from page 1 of actual questionnaire)

In 1965, the Board of Trustees of the Unitarian Universalist Association created a Committee on Goals to examine some long-range planning possibilities for our denomination. It quickly became clear to us that we needed fuller knowledge of the *present* before we could speak effectively of alternatives for the *future*. No study of our total membership has ever been made!

The Trustees therefore agreed to finance such a study, and we turned to the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago for guidance. Given our budget limits, a pre-coded questionnaire, self-administered by all the adult members of a sample of churches and fellowships, seemed the answer. If we can achieve full participation from the more than one hundred churches and fellowships in the sample, the study will prove of tremendous value.

The questionnaire is *not* to be signed. It contains a number of questions dealing with theological-philosophical beliefs as well as personal and social values. While the questionnaire looks (and is) long, almost all questions can be answered by circling a code number next to the alternative which is most similar to your opinion. Many individuals as well as pre-test groups have tried to word the choices so as to include most of us, most of the time. Please answer *every* question (unless instructions state otherwise), and return the questionnaire *promptly* in the envelope provided.

Let me assure you that the Committee on Goals does not intend to make recommendations by computer. The continental results will be a part of our report to the 1967 General Assembly, but we shall be putting before the denomination several alternative long-range goals that seem best to us, not just easiest or most popular.

~~In making this questionnaire, we have not used any fixed definition of the meaning of "religion." We are simply assuming that the Unitarian Universalist Association is a religious organization which is made up of churches and fellowships. Perhaps we should also add that the Committee on Goals is deeply committed to the principles of individual freedom of religious belief, and sees this study as a way of making more effective the organizations that advance this freedom.~~

*Special note to members of fellowships:* The use of "church" in this questionnaire is intended to cover any local group, including fellowships. Therefore, please answer these questions by reference to your own group. You may wish to skip those few questions, dealing with ministers, that have been marked by an asterisk.

