# Union of Saints – Historical Church Statement

The Union of Saints stands as a historical, women-founded, vegan, and peace-focused church, creating a world-first model of faith, education, and social engagement. Founded on principles of non-violence, compassion, and therapy, the Union of Saints pioneers a new paradigm of spirituality that integrates mind, body, and spirit wellness, while providing unique support for military members, veterans, and their families.

#### **Groundbreaking Female Leadership**

- Women-founded, breaking barriers in spiritual and military leadership.
- Hosts a female retired military union chaplain, making military, legal, and church history.
- Inspires communities worldwide to embrace open-minded, ethical, and serviceoriented guidance.

#### The First True Peace and Plant-Based Church

- Globally recognized as the first fully vegan, therapy and peace-centered church.
- Truth speaking and nonviolence are central, rather than traditional scripture alone.

# **Innovative Programs and Experiences**

- Programs built from the ground up, integrating STEAM disciplines like flying, sailing, and practical skill-building.
- Focus on mind, body, and spirit wellness, holistic growth, and ethical living.

# Interfaith and Interpath Philosophy

- Welcomes diverse spiritual paths, including Wiccan, Buddhist, Quaker, and Christian traditions, and new American Spiritualities.
- Emphasizes peace education and contemporary spiritual development over scripture.

# Military, Veteran, and Service Support

 Provides specialized programs and services for military personnel and veterans, including:

- · Chaplaincy and pastoral care
- Mediation, notary, and paralegal services
- Leadership and community programs (e.g., Vet Farmers, Safe Harbor)
- Creates a world-first model of a female-led military chaplaincy within a peacefocused, vegan church, making history in faith, military, and legal realms.

#### **Addressing Modern Abuses**

 Tackles issues like modern slavery, systemic injustice, and community empowerment, providing tools and frameworks for ethical engagement.

#### **Educational and Community Impact**

 Programs such as Albatross Crew, Liberty Arts Network, Vet Farmers, Safe Harbor, and World Vegan Days integrate community service, education, ethical action, and leadership.

#### **Legal and Ministerial Innovation**

- Offers mediation, notary, and paralegal services alongside spiritual and pastoral care.
- First church to **integrate legal, social, and spiritual support**, protecting members' rights and empowering ethical action.

# **Historical Significance**

- · Women-founded, vegan, peace-centered, legally innovative.
- Spiritually inclusive, interfaith/interpath, Quaker-inspired meetings acknowledged.
- World-first female-led military chaplaincy in a church setting, pioneering both military and church history.
- Holistic programs combining education, ethics, wellness, and veteran support.

Empowering individuals, military members, and communities through peace, compassion, education, and holistic spiritual growth – the Union of Saints is making history.

# Union of Saints – Historical Church Fact Sheet

#### Founding & Leadership

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- Hosts a female retired military union chaplain, making military, legal, and church history.
- Interfaith & Interpath Includes Wiccan, Buddhist, Quaker, Christian, and American Spiritual traditions.

#### **Core Identity**

- First true peace and vegan church globally.
- Mind, Body, Spirit Wellness Holistic spiritual and personal growth.
- Ethical, truth-speaking, and compassionate.

#### **Innovative Programs**

- STEAM-Integrated Experiences: Flying, sailing, practical skill-building.
- **Community Programs:** Albatross Crew, Liberty Arts Network, Vet Farmers, Safe Harbor, World Vegan Days.
- Peace Education: Ethics, social justice, and contemporary spiritual development.
- **Military & Veteran Services:** Chaplaincy, support, mediation, legal guidance, and leadership development.

#### Social Impact & Modern Relevance

- Addresses modern abuses, systemic injustice, and community empowerment.
- Provides tools, frameworks, and guidance for ethical and practical action.

# Legal & Ministerial Innovation

- Offers mediation, notary, and paralegal services alongside pastoral care.
- Combines legal, spiritual, and social support in a faith-based model.

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