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## Resolution in Support of New York Public Law 1

As Unitarian Universalists, we experience the Divine through loving and truthful relationships with all people and all creation. Having thoroughly informed ourselves about hydrofracking, we conclude that it is inconsistent with our faith and spiritual way of life, which embraces a commitment to integrity, equality, community and care for God's creation.

We observe that the shale gas industry and government agencies have placed financial gain over the health of our communities and environment. The shale gas industry is exempt from existing federal and state laws meant to protect water, air and land, resulting in the destruction of community life, public health and local economies, as well as natural ecosystems.

Where hydrofracking has occurred in other states, vast amounts of fresh water have been permanently contaminated, toxins released into the atmosphere, and damages incurred to roadways, farmlands, and natural habitats, at a heavy cost to taxpayers and present and future generations.

Therefore, we believe that a crime is being committed against every one of these aspects of Earth and human life, and that it is right and necessary for the Community Church of New York to declare this technology, and all related activities to be criminal acts. It follows, therefore, that all persons, corporations and government entities engaging in or enabling hydrofracking or any related activity shall be subject to penalties commensurate with such crimes.

**Be it resolved, therefore,** that the Community Church of New York, Unitarian Universalist supports the passage of **NEW YORK PUBLIC LAW 1** and instructs our legislators in the Assembly and the Senate to enact said law.

New York Public Law 1 accompanies this resolution.

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