

MARCH, 2021

BELOVED UUCP MEMBERS,

One year ago, we were going into our Stewardship campaign that was entitled “For Our Time,” the first line of our vision statement. Little did we know what “for our time” would mean and how the time would change virtually every aspect of UUCP. It has been a year of change, isolation, and trial-and-error. But it has also been a year of compassion, experimentation and grace. **This year showed us what was at the heart of UUCP: a deep commitment to community and being a congregation “for our time.”**

And “for our time” has been relevant for the world that we’ve lived in too. From George Floyd’s murder and the racial revolution this summer to the election and the insurrection, we have clearly seen the need—and the power—of liberal religion in Phoenix and the wider world. Our moral voice is **CRITICAL** to the issues of justice and equity—and we cannot be complacent. As a community working for these issues, we are stronger than any one of us alone.

This next year is going to be a challenge; un-doing this online experiment will be as challenging as setting it up in the first place. **During this time, we have more fully lived into another part of our vision—that of being radically inclusive.** We have members and guests that are outside of the Phoenix area. We have members who haven’t been able to attend live worship for a myriad of reasons who now can. And many people are enjoying the flexibility and accessibility of online programming and worship. So we have the opportunity to take these lessons and incorporate them as we gather back in-person. Instead of returning to normal, we can use this crisis to form ourselves more closely to our ideals in ways we hadn’t imagined before.

I’ll be honest—this is going to take more resources than we currently have. Online worship is actually more expensive than in-person worship. Doing some element of online while we are also doing in-person is going to take resources that we don’t currently have.

This congregation has shown its generosity this past year in extraordinary ways. But this month is a very important time to show your financial support. Will you please help show us that you are committed to our vision and empower us to collectively transform ourselves into a new reality?

FOR YOUR GENEROSITY, YOUR COMPASSION AND YOUR COMMITMENT, I OFFER A HEART-FELT THANK YOU.

Rev. Christine Dance

THIS IS OUR COMMUNITY #UUANYWHERE

DEAR BELOVED MEMBERS AND FRIENDS,



One year ago this month, we shut down the building, moved on-line and declared “The building is closed, but the Congregation is open!” We banded together via Zoom, as we physically isolated, in order to keep each other safe. We called our neighborhood groups into action to start checking on everyone. Lay Pastoral Care ramped up their operations and as Rev. Christine taught the Board, this year—all activities are Pastoral Care. Amid our care and concern for each other, we also lived into our values by sending supplies to the

Navajo Nation; working in partnership to get many needs met.



We immediately moved to live online worship with all the learning and amazing technology it involves to create weekly worship.



We’ve had powerful, inspiring worship services with

amazing sermons, storytelling and, oh, that music! We’ve gotten to know each other more deeply through Coffee Hour break-outs, weekly programming, and Lunch with the Minister! So many people who couldn’t access us before, now join us.



THIS IS WHAT COMMUNITY LOOKS LIKE.

Specifically—ours! #UUAnywhere! We have come together this year in great support, great generosity, and great caring. An amazing UU spirit, Elandria Williams, said these words, (no matter what our issues) “...at the root of everything is community, love and faith.” Our community is not about being like-minded, it’s about being like-hearted. This is a year when our hearts are exposed and we are humaning together.

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Your kindness and generosity has seen us through this year. And we have much work ahead. Our proudest accomplishment was to keep all of our staff employed. Kids Kamp became a great on-line success and continues on thanks to amazing creativity and devotion of its staff. We hope to broaden our reach and radical inclusion by utilizing technology to create a hybrid model of worship once we are able to gather together. That takes people power and even more generosity to fund our ideas and ideals, and sustain them. We believe that as a community, we can attain our vision.

**SO OUR ASK OF YOU IS A BIT DIFFERENT, TOO.
WHY NOT? IT'S 2021!!**

First and foremost, We're looking for 100% participation!

Please sign up and be acknowledged!

Make a financially responsible commitment based on the needs of your family.

Sign up for autopay or auto withdrawal to make life easier and create flow into UUCP.

**OUR GOAL THIS YEAR IS \$639,000.
THAT'S 3% HIGHER THAN LAST YEAR.**



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HERE IS WHAT WE'D LIKE YOU TO CONSIDER:

IF YOU CURRENTLY GIVE:

Up to **\$1000** yearly

\$1001 - \$3000 yearly

\$3001 - \$8000 yearly

Over \$8000 yearly

PLEASE CONSIDER INCREASING:

\$5 a month more

\$10 a month more

\$20 a month more

3% - 5% increase

If you are able, please find the link here and/or on our website and sign up in the next two weeks. **We will be having a drive-through celebration on March 21 for Stewardship and our Flower Communion.** Watch Compass for more information.

NEW FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR (2022-23),

IF WE DO NOT HEAR OTHERWISE FROM YOU, WE WILL BE RENEWING THIS YEAR'S PLEDGE FOR THAT FISCAL YEAR.



Community is first of all a quality of the heart. It grows from the spiritual knowledge that we are alive not for ourselves but for one another. Community is the fruit of our capacity to make the interests of others more important than our own. The question, therefore, is not 'How can we make community?' but, 'How can we develop and nurture giving hearts?'

(HENRI NOUWEN)

My experience is that UUCP is already a community of giving hearts. Our capacity for growth and change and care is astounding. Our abilities to “human” together, care for each other and keep striving to reach our Vision is courage in action.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU GIVE AND ALL YOU ARE! WE SURVIVE AND THRIVE BECAUSE WE ARE TOGETHER!

WITH GRATITUDE,
YOUR UUCP STEWARDSHIP TEAM



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UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF PHOENIX
STEWARDSHIP FORM ▪ JULY 1, 2021 - JUNE 30, 2022

IF YOU WOULD LIKE
ASSISTANCE SETTING UP YOUR
REALM GIVING OR WOULD
LIKE TO DISCUSS OTHER
OPTIONS, PLEASE EMAIL
GIVING@PHOENIXUU.ORG
OR CALL BUNNY HODAS AT
704.965.0970

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Email _____

Preferred Phone _____ mobile home

I would like my giving statement emailed mailed

I GIVE FOR THE LIFE AND MISSION OF THIS CONGREGATION:

I plan to invest \$ _____ a week, bi-weekly, month, year
to support the mission of UUCP and to foster community & my personal growth.

**If we do not receive notification otherwise,
your pledge for this year will roll over into the following year of 2022-23.**

**EVERY INVESTMENT MAKES A DIFFERENCE FOR THIS CONGREGATION.
I WILL FULFILL MY COMMITMENT OF INVESTMENT THROUGH:**

- credit card entered into Realm
- checking account (ACH) entered into Realm
- check I mail or drop in the collection on Sunday
- Auto Bill or Auto Pay from my bank
- stock donation (contact treasurer@phoenixuu.org)
- Venmo/Paypal
- IRA distribution
- My employer, _____ may have a program to match my funds
- Waiver
- I would like assistance entering my payment in Realm

Signature _____ Date _____