



Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater Lansing



September 28, 2020

Dear Friends and Members,

None of us could have imagined what 2020 would bring, but we are more thankful now than ever for our beloved community.

We have all missed gathering together in the space we are so proud to call our home. Yet we have continued to gather together virtually, in support, growth, and fellowship. We are adaptable, inventive, and strong!

As we approach planning for 2021, we are hopeful the new year will bring us the opportunity to safely gather again. We know there are no guarantees, and we are committed to putting the safety and wellbeing of our community first. Today, it is even more important to stay connected and engaged with our religious community and to reach out to our growing community in the world.

We need your financial support to continue to do the work that we all love and value.

Our community has been amazingly generous through 2020. We are so grateful for your steadfast support that has allowed us to approach year-end on a steady financial keel. Thank you!!

We need your continued or even increased support for 2021 so that we may support our staff, care for our building (where we *will* gather again!), and continue our programs, including social justice education, direct community support, advocacy on prison reform, allyship with the Black Lives Matter movement, music ministry, discussion groups and classes, our street-side Blessing Box, the Natural Play Space, our FUNdraisers, our youth Coming of Age program, and much more!

Each year, we come together – members and friends of UU Lansing – to pledge support to our church community for the coming year. *We practice generosity. We are bold. We are full of hope.*

Your gift is one of the critical building blocks for our beloved community during this difficult time.

Today, the UU Lansing Board of Trustees and Stewardship Committee asks everyone – all of us – to make a pledge. **EVERY gift matters, even if it's only \$1 for the whole year.** Your pledge is your commitment to our worship, our UU community, and our engagement with the world. Our financial support is one way of embodying our Unitarian Universalist principles.



It is a challenging time for many of us, and right now we are asking only for your pledge card, your plan in this moment. If you can give MORE, we ask that you consider doing so, as others face financial uncertainty. We are stronger together!

You are cherished for what YOU bring to the Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater Lansing, to our community.

Thank you so very much for your generosity of time... of spirit... of creativity... and of money.

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PS. Don't wait to make your pledge. Turn in your pledge by October 31st so that we know to count on your support. Return it by mail in the enclosed envelope, or email, or call in your pledge to Congregational Administrator Kathy McWilliams at kmcwilliams@uulansing.org or (517) 351-4081, ext. 107.