



# Unitarian Universalists of Central Delaware

*A Welcoming Liberal Religious Community in Delaware's Capital*

March 2021

Dear Supporter of UUCD:

Each year, we ask all of our members and friends to consider what they can pledge by way of financial support to the Unitarian Universalists of Central Delaware (UUCD) for the coming fiscal year: July 1– June 30. Financial pledges from our members and friends are the basis for our annual budget and the primary way that we can maintain our mission of growing a loving, inclusive, spiritually- and socially-active community in central Delaware.

On behalf of UUCD, the Stewardship Team would like to express our gratitude for the ongoing and generous support of our members and friends. This support has been especially critical in light of the challenging year we have all experienced and in light of the changes we have navigated together during the COVID-19 pandemic. While in-person services have been cancelled since mid-March 2020 we have continued to meet virtually on Sundays for worship services and on Tuesday evenings for community check-ins via Zoom. Our children have participated in Religious Education about twice a month, also via Zoom. We also value our connections via the UUCD Members and Friends Discussion Group on Facebook. We are so thankful that we have grown stronger together during these extraordinary times under the leadership of the UUCD Board of Trustees and Rev. Dr. Kharma Amos.

We can only do what we do because of the generosity of all of our members and friends. This is your chance to share with us your financial commitment. Consider what UUCD means to you, what our presence means to our broader community, and how our commitments can impact this world that is in such need of positive transformation. We invite you to consider increasing your pledge for this coming year as a way to more fully engage and support our common work.

Many people who utilize proportional giving (giving a percentage of one's income/resources to charitable work) find it beneficial to gradually increase their giving by 1% or so each year until they reach their desired level of financial support. The UUA Fair Share Giving Chart included in this mailing may be helpful to you as you are considering your pledge for this coming year.

Every gift matters, no matter the amount. Please know that we are grateful for every dollar we receive. The leadership of UUCD commits to you to be the best stewards of your gifts that we can be as we empower our community to live out our mission: “**NURTURE your spirit, BUILD community, CHANGE the world.**”

Please complete the stewardship campaign pledge form included in this mailing and send it to [stewardship.uucd@gmail.com](mailto:stewardship.uucd@gmail.com) or mail a copy to UUCD, P.O. Box 1454, Dover, DE 19903-1454.

**Please return your pledge by April 16, 2021** to give the Board of Trustees time to prepare for and present the new budget for the next fiscal year at our Annual Meeting to be held in June.

This mailing also includes a brochure that was published pre-pandemic that reminds us of who we are as UUCD, why we come together, and the principles we covenant to affirm and promote as a member congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). Feel free to keep this brochure or share it with someone who may be searching for us; just let them know that for now we will continue to meet virtually.

We are so grateful for your gifts of time, talent, energies, and finances. All of these things make such a difference in who we are and what we are able to do together.

Sincerely,

UUCD Stewardship Team  
Laura Parks and Wendy Pickett