



# Unitarian Universalists of Central Delaware

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

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Dear Member/Friend of UUCD:

On behalf of the Unitarian Universalists of Central Delaware (UUCD), the Stewardship Team wrote to you a short while ago to express gratitude for your generous support, to acknowledge this time of heightened fear and anxiety caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, and to let you know that we understand how awkward it is to be talking about stewardship and finances during this time. They also promised that we would be in touch soon to do what we need to do to maintain the support for the community of UUCD, the value of which we are all coming to appreciate more deeply and in new ways during this time of uncertainty.

We know all too well that some of you are experiencing financial hardship during this time, while others are able to maintain their financial resources, and some are even experiencing a growth in income alongside decreases in family spending due to the “shelter in place” orders we are under. In short, we are all living with different financial realities, as well as managing a completely new way of living during these unprecedented times. UUCD wants to know how we can best support you and your families during this time. If you have not already done so, please join us for our weekly community check-ins on Tuesday evenings via Zoom, participate in our UUCD Members and Friends Discussion Group on Facebook, and join us for worship on the Sundays we are offering virtual worship. It’s important that we nurture our own spirits as well as the community we value so much. Please feel free to reach out to us at any time. We truly care about you.

And in the midst of all of this, we are finding ways to continue with life ... and to press optimistically forward with our most essential activities. One of those activities for us is our annual stewardship campaign. We are grateful for the efforts of our Stewardship Team, who have had many conversations about how to balance compassionate care for our members, sensitivity about the uncertainty of finances, and a commitment to provide you with an opportunity to practice generosity. You will find their Stewardship Campaign materials included in this correspondence.

We are proud of the work we did together this year on re-clarifying our mission/vision – the reason we exist. Our new statement that sums this up is “NURTURE your spirit, BUILD community, CHANGE the world.” We are excited about this aspirational mission that makes such a difference in our lives, in our larger Delaware community, and around the world through our concrete actions of compassion and justice. Thank you for your commitment to our community, and for your generous support.

Sincerely,

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