



First Unitarian Universalist Church of Columbus

2021 - 2022 Financial Pledge

Dear friend,

Here at First UU, we know this has been a difficult year, but we are **coming back strong**. Our vision of **celebrating our community, engaging diversity, and working for justice** gives us so much optimism and drive for the future. It is because of your generosity that we have been able to continue our vision and mission -- *even as most of our activities moved online this past year*. **Thank you** for all you have done and continue to do to help us remain a vibrant, loving, and caring community where we live our values every day. Your contributions make this possible, and will continue to do so into the future.

Despite the changes that the pandemic made to how we connect as a community, we have stayed focused on supporting one another through the struggles, celebrating through the joys, and continuing to pursue the Beloved Community our UU beliefs call us toward.

This is why we are confident that our goal of **coming back strong** is one that we can all reach, together. Enclosed in this packet, you will find our financial, program, and justice goals for the upcoming year. These include, but are not limited to; strengthening our RE program, increasing our justice programming to 5% of budget, living our values by fairly compensating our staff at UUA recommended levels, and much more.

In order to meet these goals, we need to increase our overall pledges by 15%. Here's how you can help.

If you can, we ask you to consider **increasing your monthly pledge by 15%**. This is the best way to give us ongoing support to make our church as strong as possible.

**** You can even DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT** by increasing your pledge. Pledge increases and new pledges will be matched through the generosity of several First UU donors who funded a matching pool. Turn in your pledge form by Saturday, April 17 to make a match! (See more about this matching pledge in the enclosed insert.)

We also understand some may be unable to increase their pledge this year. All contributions are greatly appreciated and valuable towards reaching our goal!

Included in this mailing, you will find a pledge form with your current monthly contribution and the suggested percentage increase. **Any** pledge increase you can make helps us to meet our goal of increasing total pledges by 15%. You can mail the completed pledge form to the church or pledge online at <https://www.firstuucolumbus.org/giving>.

We are so grateful for the way our community has pulled together during this time. We are confident that we will Come Back Strong with your help.

Thank you for your generosity!

Rev. Dr. Marian Stewart, Senior Minister

Lisa Brandt, Board Chair