

**LOVE LIGHT HOPE
BUILDING BELOVED
COMMUNITY**



Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater

2021-2022

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Dear UUC Members and Friends,

The New Year is here and with it has come a real reason to hope that the future will be filled with light and love for our planet, our fellow humans, the web of all existence of which we are a part and, of course, our beloved UUC community. Sunday, March 7th marks the start of UUC's 2021-2022 Stewardship campaign. This newsletter will help you determine your part in contributing toward building and maintaining our beloved community here at UUC.

With love, light and hope,

Bill Norsworthy and Sally Otto, Campaign Co-chairs
Lauren Logan, Editor



Susan Gore, President of Board of Trustees

UUC is my fourth UU congregation since I joined First Unitarian of Dallas in 1990. Then, as now, it was the commitment to social justice that drew me and holds my allegiance. Bold acts like the Austin, Texas congregation's decision to build a living space to protect an undocumented Guatemalan refugee from deportation for two years make me proud to be a UU. UUC's board decision to make a strong public statement condemning the January 6 insurrection does too.

What causes me to grow, however, is different. The times I've stretched, by choice or necessity, are why UUism is important to me. My Vagina Monologues role soon after arriving at UUC was a huge stretch. Important friendships grew from cast members' welcome and encouragement of each other. It was also great fun. So was working with Mike Metty and Mary Currey on UUC's board, strategic plan and annual canvass. Their embrace of the direct link between UU values and financial generosity continues to inspire me. This year, more than ever, it is important for each of us to embrace that link, stretching to ensure our Beloved Community's ability to bring love, light and hope to each other and the world.



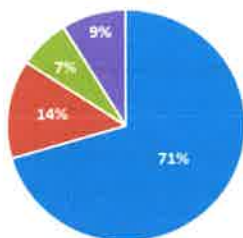
Rev. Dave Franks, Pulpit and Pastoral Care Minister

I recently came across this quote from Stephen Covey, "Anything less than a conscious commitment to the important is an unconscious commitment to the unimportant." In the past year I have seen what you consider to be important by the conscious commitments you've made. Joining you in providing food to the farm workers in the strawberry fields of Plant City, attending candlelight vigils, virtually or otherwise, on the night of Ruth Bader Ginsberg's death, to assuring that children would have presents under their Christmas tree in the middle of a pandemic, I celebrate what we are about as a people committed to living out our values.

In a year of being challenged in so many ways, as we've sheltered in place, we have done well in our commitment to what's important, being available and caring of others. Stewardship is a way of looking back to see just how well we've been living our values. But it is also a conscious commitment to look ahead to new opportunities to keep living those values. It is a way to stay consistent, not only with each other in living the covenants between us, but our commitment to be a healing, reconciling, prophetic presence in the larger community in which we live. I've witnessed this commitment to importance, to be conscious of our choices here at UUC. Because of such commitment, because of you, my stewardship for the coming year is to continue in that commitment with you at UUC.

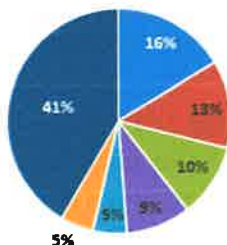
CURRENT FISCAL YEAR DATA

UUC Income
2020-21



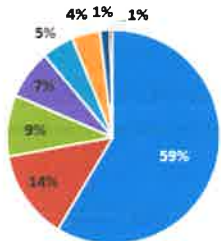
■ Pledges ■ UUC Foundation Grant ■ Rentals ■ Other Revenue

Salaries/Benefits/Non-Salary Expenses
2020-21



■ Minister(s) - Salary & Benefits ■ Family Ministry Staff
■ Music Staff ■ Administrator
■ Custodian & Security ■ Bookkeeper
■ Non-Salary Expenses

Non-Salary Expenses Detailed
2020-21



■ Total Salaries and Benefits ■ Utilities & Insurance
■ Office Expenses ■ Facility Expenses
■ UUA & Cluster Dues ■ Committee Expenses
■ Family Ministry Support ■ Music Support

PLEDGING IS EASY

If you are a Member or Pledging Friend of UUC, you will be contacted by a member of the Stewardship Team regarding your pledge. If you are not a Member or Pledging Friend, please send an email to stewardship@uuc.org and we will contact you with pledging information.

LOOKING FORWARD 2021 - 2022

TECHNOLOGY: To enhance UUC's on line presence especially Sunday services.

SOCIAL JUSTICE: To expand UUC initiatives and increase our visibility.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: To increase our offerings in adult religious education and activities; more involvement for all ages.

MUSIC: Support the return of our beloved choir.

CARE CIRCLE: Increase funding to meet the needs of our UUC community.

FACILITIES: To support the upkeep of our buildings and grounds and to prepare for the return to our campus.

MINISTRY: To fairly compensate current staff and plan for a full time minister, salary and benefits.



Bob Buesing, UUC Member

I am proud to be serving on this year's stewardship team. UUC is a big part of my life. It provides me with connection, meaningful opportunities for spiritual growth and a powerful platform for social justice work. It adds so much to the quality of my life and I am very happy to provide my support.

As my spiritual home, I continue to be amazed that each week I learn the wisdom of so many forward thinkers, past and present. I like spending that hour each week trying to live my life just a little bit better. UUC honors all the sources, not just a few, and honors all that science has to offer too. And it is not enough to just get comfortable. I am challenged to grow, learn and change. In fact, UUC is that rare safe place where you are expected to keep exploring and learning.

And if COVID-19 taught us anything, it is that human connection really, really matters. UUC is designed for making connections and that adds to my life too. Even with Zoom, those connections are deep and real. Soon we will be able to be together in person and that will be wonderful, of course.

And speaking of connections, social justice is not a solo endeavor. A focused and dedicated group can make far more impact. UUC's social justice voice is powerful well beyond UUC. Through FAST and other projects, we make Tampa Bay a better place and our voice is not silent on the major issues of the day. I like that.