April 13, 2020

Hello Friends,

First and foremost, we hope that everyone is in good health while we shelter at home. Hopefully either Rev. Woulfe or one of the many Pastoral Care Associates has already checked in with you.

You may have noticed that we are doing many things online these days, and that groups are meeting by Zoom. The worship and the work of ALUUC must go on, until such time as we can meet together again.

One of the things which we need to attend to is our annual pledge drive. Many of you know that a lively celebration had been scheduled for Sunday March 22, 2020. We would have promoted our goals for the coming year and treated the congregation to a complimentary luncheon. That obviously did not happen because all in-person events were cancelled a week before to protect the health of everyone in our community. We hope that you understand that our revised plan requires a more indirect approach.

We, the Co-Chairs of the FY 2021 ALUUC Stewardship Campaign, are inviting you to submit your annual pledges and comments, by phone, mail or by email.

But first, we offer this bit of humor:

Q: Why did the Unitarian Universalist cross the road?
A: To support the chicken in its search for its own path.

We trust that you value our ALUUC community and desire to see us emerge from this pandemic healthy and whole. Like us, you hope to share in the gifts of a beloved community. We believe that maintaining our staff and the facility are important. Will you help us accomplish this?

Enclosed is a brochure describing how your pledge furthers the mission and ministry of ALUUC. Please read this first, and then consider your pledge card.

We are requesting an increase in pledges from those who are able, knowing that there are some members who have been adversely affected by the statewide COVID-19 response.
Here are options to register your pledge and volunteer interests:

1) Return the enclosed pledge card in the self-addressed stamped envelope that was mailed to you.
2) Email us at stewardship@aluuc.org
3) Contact either of us at 217.303.9620 (Cathy) or 217.483.1336 (Dianne)

If we don’t hear from you, we will follow up with you, as we want to give everyone the opportunity to participate.

Enabled by you and your stewardship, we will continue our mission.

Thank you in advance and please, “Do When the Spirit Says Do” and “Give When the Spirit Says Give.”

Love from your Stewardship team,

Dianne Roberts and Cathy Brookshire