



First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor

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What an amazing year this has been for UUAA! We installed the congregation's 13th settled minister. We showed up to strike for the climate and challenge racism in all its guises. We offered each other care during difficult days. We've touched the lives of both congregants and the greater community in ways that speak highly of who we are and aim to become.

With the sturdy roots we've established, UUAA has never been in a better position to build on our strengths and empower our collective dreams to take flight. **That's why we're asking you to support the Roots and Wings campaign today.**

Because of your generosity, UUAA has been able to draw on shared values that keep us rooted and to live into them both within our walls and beyond:

- **Justice** – Over the past year, we've supplied legal aid and comfort to asylum seekers, offering a loving lifeline to people escaping almost unimaginable violence and despair. UUAA has also served as a reliable source of support for homeless families through Alpha House; become the sole provider of books for many of Michigan's prisons; donated both produce and money to the Food Gatherers Farm Project; and so much more.
- **Compassion** – We made the commitment to fund the Social Justice/Pastoral Care Coordinator position, and now have a robust network operating – with literally hundreds of congregants pledged to help one another.
- **Learning** – Our Spiritual Growth and Development program is the primary way UUAA fulfills our collective responsibility to raise up the next generation. It is recognized throughout the denomination as an example of quality learning opportunities for children, youth, and adults.
- **Joy** – From our outstanding music program to First Friday Fun Night, we find multiple ways to delight in each other's company.
- **Covenant** – The first year of the Shared Ministries Team provided an additional avenue of congregant support and continuous learning opportunities for conflict resolution and deeper understanding within our community.
- **Hope** – We launched the 20/50 Visioning process to help UUAA set a meaningful course for the congregation's next 30 years.

But the shared value that makes all of this work possible – the taproot of UUAA’s presence and effectiveness – is generosity.

Your pledge to UUAA is critical to the success of all that we do – at a time when a hurting world desperately needs us. The congregation relies on your generosity to live out its commitments, from accessible seating in the sanctuary, to right relationship in staff compensation, to working in solidarity with partner nonprofits. **None of this is possible without you.**

When you fill out the enclosed pledge form, we ask you to commit to an amount that reflects your deepest aspirations for yourself and for the congregation. For some, this might mean 5% of their household income. Others may make a gift that feels like a stretch. And some people may not have the means to give at all right now – please know that ministerial waivers are always available. What’s important is that we’re all in this together.

To make your pledge, simply fill out the enclosed form and bring it or mail it to UUAA. You can also sign up online at www.uuaa.org. Just click on Support > Annual Budget Campaign, then set up an automatic payment from your bank account or credit card.

Together, we can nourish the strong roots that give rise to our common life and lift us to places we have yet to imagine.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Stewardship Team at annualcampaign@uuaa.org.

In faith,



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