



**First Parish Unitarian Universalist – Canton  
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***Invest in our Vision for a World that Needs Us***

To become a multigenerational and multicultural UU congregation  
that serves a region of Unitarian Universalist communities.

Dear Members and Friends,

I am reaching out to you seeking your support for our annual stewardship campaign for the upcoming 2024-2025 church year. We greatly appreciate your consideration and on-going commitment to First Parish Unitarian Universalist - Canton by making a pledge (or one-time donation) on the enclosed card.

First, let me thank you for your past involvement. Your continued support is critical for our future efforts to meet the challenges ahead. Pledges make up a significant portion of the expense to continue our service to our members and friends. Every pledge is important and each of us has to decide for ourselves what matches our love for First Parish. Our goal is \$90,000. We have reached this goal before, and we can do it again by all working together.

As we reflect on the past two years you may be asking yourself: Why did I pledge in the past, or why should I take a leap of faith and pledge for the very first time? Unlike charities you may support, First Parish is our spiritual home and unique in many ways. We are not just one more charity you may feel compelled to support. It is easy to count our blessings that are not to be found in other aspects of our lives. The blessings offered by this loving forward-thinking congregation may be easy to forget but inspirational to remember.

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- Informative and aspirational Sunday Services with our co-ministers the Rev. Dr. Clyde Grubbs, Rev. Dr. Michelle Walsh and Ministerial Intern Elizabeth Foster along with Worship Associates.
- An amazing music program led by Jim Chubet celebrating his 20<sup>th</sup> year with us, and a devoted choir including piano or organ accompaniment, as well as special pieces by members of the choir and congregation.
- A liberal religious foundation built on our seven UU Principles, the first of which is the Worth and Dignity of all people.
- A covenant to support each other and the greater community through efforts called Faith-In-Action. Adult religious education programs and a life-long program for children called Our Whole Lives (OWL).
- Pastoral care and community support in times of need.
- Social justice speakers and adult education programs and ongoing recognition from the UUA as a Welcoming Congregation
- Our beautiful historic buildings, the original was built in 1717 long before Canton was Canton, and our wonderful Paul Revere bell which we are excited to be ringing.
- Shared connections with like-minded members at coffee hour, soups-on and potluck dinners, and many others. Annual events such as the coffeehouse and communal yard sales.

We gratefully seek your support during this critical time. Thank you.

Please reach out to the Stewardship team with questions or insights  
Kitty McGregor, Felisa White, Jonette Nagai, Bette Wells, Don Seaman,  
Barbara Casaly, or me.

Sincerely,

David T. Williams, Vice-President of Administration

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