

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Cleveland  
Stewardship 2023-2024



***Connecting & Reconnecting:***  
*Add your piece!*

Dear Members and Friends,

A decade ago, our Congregation built a powerful, future oriented solar array. It generated not only a significant percentage of the electrical power consumed by the congregation's building; it also provided charging for electrical vehicles. This type of project was quite rare at the time, but it was a project that reflected our commitment to our 7<sup>th</sup> Principle. We reduced our carbon footprint and established the UU congregation on Shaker Boulevard as a leader committed to making a difference in a challenging environment. We recognized, in our interconnectedness, a power we can harness collectively to strengthen the web of life in which we all must play an important part.

We've done many other things over the past decade, including the merger of two UU congregations that resulted in the creation of UUCC, to connect and reconnect our congregations with each other and the larger community. What can we do next to strengthen our Congregation and empower our community? There are many possibilities that, because of the financial commitments made by you and your fellow UUCC Congregants, can become reality.

As we embark on our 2023-24 Stewardship Campaign – with the theme of Connecting and Reconnecting to reflect our commitment to each other and the larger community – we once again ask for your generosity and assistance, to extend our reach and to strengthen our connections to one another and to the important work of our UUCC congregation. This moment urges all of us to look within ourselves and to one another.

The year ahead holds much opportunity and promise for UUCC, but we cannot realize our possibilities without your increased financial support. Our Congregation continues to gather new members who seek a community where they can grow and become better, stronger, more authentic people. We have connected and reconnected with each other as we move forward from the pandemic via our small group ministries in our covenant groups, committees, and other groups. And our social and environmental justice activities (like the *Good Trouble* Voter Engagement Initiative) connect us further with one another and the larger community. At UUCC we offer the opportunity to transform lives – our own and others, adults and youth - by taking the actions that support our Mission: To Build community Within and Without; To Search for and Deepen spirituality; and to Promote Justice in Action.

Why answer the call to stewardship? Why make a pledge or increase your pledge to UUCC?

- To strengthen the community that enables us to connect and reconnect with each other and the larger community
- To support the congregation that supports you and your family in living your values
- To continue to pay our staff at market rates, honor our commitments, and extend our reach
- To help UUCC create a more connected, powerful presence in the greater community
- To strengthen our congregation for the long term by attracting families and individuals – young and old - who share our values and believe in our mission and vision

Please pledge now so that as UUCC convenes safely and confidently in person, we can build our community inside and out, grow spiritually, and promote our fierce, compassionate commitment to justice in action. Please answer the call to stewardship! Connect and enhance your —please give generously!

Questions? Contact chair, Barbie Jones, at [stewardship@uucleveland.org](mailto:stewardship@uucleveland.org) or 216-751-2320.

Thank you!

In Fellowship and With Gratitude,

The 2023-2024 UUCC Stewardship Committee

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