



Dear Member,

I hope this finds you well. Spring is bringing warmer weather and a reminder that we have been grappling with the Covid 19 pandemic for a year. Spring is also a time of renewal and hope. Many of you are fully vaccinated, thanks in part to the work of our Caring Team, who helped some members secure appointments. Starting this Monday, March 29, all adults ages 40+ will be eligible to be vaccinated. We hope that a safe time for reconnecting in person is not too far off. Stay tuned! Things are changing daily.

One thing that does not change is the need for our beloved fellowship, a home for Unitarian Universalists in the Emerald Coast. This home is sustained by your gifts of time and talent and every spring we ask you to make a gift of treasure by making a pledge to our annual canvas.

I invite you to give as generously as you can in sustaining UUFEF at this unique moment. Our theme this year, "**Reconnect and Renew**" reminds us to rededicate ourselves to sustaining our community. A special need this year relates to ministry. We are currently in search for a minister who can provide professional religious leadership as we transition back to a more "normal" congregational life. We will present a budget for the coming year on a "zoom congregational meeting" on Sunday, April 25.

We understand the past year has taken a financial toll on many members, as well as emotional distress. The guidelines on the attached pledge form are a good place to start; some of you can give more and others less than suggested. We trust members to give as generously as their situation allows.

Please return your pledge form by Monday, April 12. You can use the attached stamped envelope or you can email me or Treasurer, John Holt (treasurer@uufec.com) an image of the form or simply the amount of your pledge. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

As noted in my January letter: Please do not hesitate to contact me with thoughts, ideas or anything as we move through these challenging times! Volunteers are always welcome! We continue to have members facing serious illness and other challenges. Please let me know if you wish to help out in any way.

In fellowship.

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