



Unitarian Universalist of Santa Fe

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Nurturing hearts and minds, practicing beloved community and working for justice

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Dear Friends,

We invite you to participate in our annual pledge campaign for July 2022- June 2023.

It is remarkable how UU Santa Fe has been able to maintain a strong sense of community, and a wide range of programming by successfully adapting our operations. At the same time, we continue to impact the broader community with our social justice activities.

Our finances are in pretty good shape but also somewhat vulnerable. We were fortunate last year to receive government assistance through the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). This grant allowed us to keep our staffing and 'balance' our budget but moving to online required investing in audio/video equipment and adding Zoom accounts while most operating costs continued at the pre-pandemic levels. There is no PPP grant for the upcoming year and inflation was over 5% last year.

While many of members of our community have faced challenges, the level of support for our congregation has remained high. We are hoping to build on the successes of our pledge campaign last year, where we saw an increase in the number of pledges and an increase in the dollar amount pledged. Our pledge goal for the upcoming year is \$300,000, a significant increase from the pledge total of \$266,000 for the current year.

Our ministry is everything that we do together. Sometimes it is easy to overlook how much work by staff and volunteers is going on "behind the scenes" to maintain and adapt the infrastructure that supports our mission. We have been re-inventing our community in many positive ways so that we can continue to live our values together. Our weekly worship gatherings touch many lives and maintain strong connections. The breadth of our programs and community outreach has meaningful effects.

Please complete our pledge form and return it by April 15, 2022, by mail, or email a copy to financeteam@uusantafe.org. Or complete it online at <https://uusantafe.breezechms.com/form/2022-2023PledgeForm>.

With optimism and hope, your 2022-2023 Pledge Team, Roberta Armstrong, Gregory Berg, Brent Farler & Mary Beth Kuderik.

P.S. The Board and Minister's Message will provide additional information.