



Unitarian Universalists of Santa Fe

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Pledge 2026-2027—We Are the Light!

March 15, 2026

Dear Friend,

WE ARE THE LIGHT is not only the theme of this year's Pledge Drive, but it is a call to action for Members and Friends of UU Santa Fe to join together to share our talents and resources and become a shining beacon of light to each other and to our community at large. We've learned from our recent Stewardship Conversations that our congregation is deeply committed to the values of UU Santa Fe through their participation in our many activities, by volunteering and their willingness to provide annual financial support.

Our Board of Trustees has set a 2026-2027 Pledge Goal of \$370,000 with a total budget of about \$513,000. The 2026-2027 annual budget represents an increase of about 10% over last year and provides a wage structure for our staff in keeping with UUA denominational recommendations for both salary and cost of living increases. The budget also includes an annual contribution to our capital/major maintenance fund, monies to support our internal and community outreach programs and inflation adjusted funds to provide a church home we can be proud of. **To make this budget, we would need an average pledge of \$1,600 per person.** We understand that some community members can give more and some need to give less. All your gifts are greatly valued.

As a friend of UU Santa Fe, please become a torch bearer for this year's campaign by participating in our 2026-2027 Pledge drive. Your contribution helps support the financial stability and success of UU Santa Fe for all.

Please see the letter from Rev. Gail and Board President Bryan Fredrickson on the reverse side of this letter for their perspective. As always, if you have any questions about our annual budget, please seek out a member of our Board of Trustees.

Your 2026-2027 Pledge and Membership Renewal Form is enclosed. Please return your form to the office or fill out the online Pledge and Membership Renewal form by April 12, 2026.

With grateful thanks,

Your 2026-2027 Pledge Team—Roberta Armstrong, Charlie Battista, Jim Bellamy, Steve Curley, Bev Hope and Jim Kraemer



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Late on a chilly Christmas Eve, 1886, a three-masted ship named the Annie C Macquire slammed into the treacherous rocky shore along the Atlantic Coast at Cape Elizabeth, Maine. The alert and nimble lighthouse keeper, Joshua Strout, quickly rigged a ladder to extend from the shoreline to the crippled vessel. All aboard clambered across the makeshift gangplank to safety. The records reflect a befuddled captain who had no explanation for the accident. The night was clear and the lighthouse (which consisted of not one, but two, towers) was beaming brightly. One wonders if the captain, or anyone else onboard, was awake.

We would hazard a guess that most of us at UU Santa Fe are awake to the perilous social and political seas swirling through our country, disquieting our lives. Yet the beacon of our Beloved Community is carefully tended by our devoted membership. It radiates powerfully in and through the larger community. At any given moment in time, UU Santa Fe harbors small study groups, neighborhood groups, meditation groups, yoga class, Tai Chi and Tai Chi Chih class, recovery groups, covenant groups, musical groups, social justice initiatives, and our friends of HaMakom and Desert Rain Sangha. There are still other community initiatives with UU involvement such as assisting humanitarian programs to feed and clothe the unhoused in Santa Fe.

Of course, Sunday service at UU Santa Fe is a sanctum of peace and quiet where love and reason are preached. UU Santa Fe nurtures our individual spiritual journeys and provides a hope-filled community in which we find camaraderie and friendship. Like Mr. Strout, the lighthouse keeper who lent a helping hand to desperate people stranded in the dark, UU Santa Fe inspires us all to let “love flow through us and walk among us as we live our lives and work to heal our world.”

But it takes all of us working together to keep our lamp afire. And it takes significant financial resources. As our congregation grows, our staffing needs increase. Our aging building has its own deferred maintenance issues. We urge that you devote a few minutes now to reflect on the important role UU Santa Fe plays in your life. Then, pledge accordingly as if the lifeblood of UU Santa Fe depends upon it. Because it does. Together we are the light!

Thank you and Blessings,

Bryan Fredrickson, Board President

Rev. Gail Lindsay Marriner, Minister

UU Santa Fe 2026-2027 Pledge & Membership Renewal Form

Please return by April 12, 2026, to the office, by mail (to UU Santa Fe, PO Box 4637, Santa Fe, NM 87502-4637) or scan to PDF and email to financeteam@uusantafe.org. Or complete the online pledge form— <https://uusantafe.breezechms.com/form/2026-2027PledgeForm>

Your contact information (please update as needed):

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Mobile Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Best Email: _____

My/Our 2026-2027 pledge—to be paid on your schedule from now through June 30, 2027.

- Suggested individual pledge needed of \$1,600
- Suggested couples' pledge needed of \$3,200
- Another amount: _____

How do you plan to make payments on your pledge?

- By check or by bank bill pay service (preferred)
- By credit card (3+% transaction charge to UU Santa Fe)
- By Qualified Charitable Distribution from retirement funds
- By stock donation
- Other (note below)

Comments or questions? We'll get back to you.

UU Santa Fe Use (Enter date/initials)

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