



Unitarian Universalists of Santa Fe

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Pledge 2025-2026—Now More Than Ever

March 16, 2025

Dear Friend,

We invite you to join us in supporting UU Santa Fe by making a financial pledge for the upcoming fiscal year, which begins July 1, 2025.

For FY2025-2026, the pledge goal is estimated at \$350,000. This would require a 20% increase in total pledging. This increase is needed to cover an additional part-time person to support Reverend Gail and to cover staff salary cost of living adjustments of 3.5%. We also are planning for inflationary increases in our operating supplies and costs.

Bottom line: This year's pledge campaign has to be more successful than last year's! **To make that budget, we would need an average pledge of \$1,600 per person.** We understand that some can give more and some need to give less. All your gifts are greatly valued.

Your Pledge Form is enclosed. **Please return it by April 13, 2025.**

Also enclosed is a message from Rev. Gail.

In 2027 UU Santa Fe will celebrate its 75th year as a liberal religious voice in Santa Fe. Securing the future of our congregation rests with us.

With grateful thanks,

Your 2025-2026 Pledge Team—Roberta Armstrong, Sherry Kraemer, John Lehman, Thom Maciula and Leon Winston



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Dear Friends,

We are living in complicated, confusing, chaotic times. More than ever we need a safe, stable place where we can come together, sort through the chaos, reassure one another and figure out how to respond. For many of us UU Santa Fe is that place.

The place itself, the people who gather here, the connections between us and the values we share all reaffirm our shared commitments to love and justice, truth and affection. They let us experience our own unshakable goodness and the deep goodness of other people in the midst of the whirlwind outside our walls.

Now, more than ever, we need UU Santa Fe as a sanctuary space that can house people during a crisis, host speakers not heard elsewhere, offer classes, planning meetings, and potlucks, worship and meditation. We need a place that nurtures our best selves.

Now more than ever, we need the community of UU Santa Fe to hold us, comfort us, challenge us so we can be brave together. It's hard to be brave alone.

Now, more than ever, we need our UU values to help us navigate difficult moments and speak up when our voices are needed, and show up when our presence will make a difference

Now, more than ever, UU Santa Fe is relevant in our lives.

And so now, more than ever, we need to give from our abundance and support this place. There is so much good trouble to get into and so much loving work to do. There are so many people that rely on this place as a haven of sanity in troubling times. Please pledge generously. Now, more than ever, your gifts make a difference!

Now more than ever, UU Santa Fe needs you.

Blessings, Rev. Gail