



Beacon Unitarian Church
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October 19, 2014

Dear Friend:

This is a letter about the Stewardship Drive. Each year we have a tradition of asking for pledges during a special Sunday celebration after church.

You are invited to participate with us in this tradition, if you feel moved to do so. Unitarian congregations are self supporting communities, who value both independence and responsibility. Financial contributions support the rental of Sapperton Hall for Sunday services, the work of the staff (including the Minister, the Religious Education teachers, the Sound Technician, the Choir Director, the Accompanist, and our administrative costs).

We ask our members and supporters to pledge a monetary amount, although stewardship is not only about the money. It's about taking care of something you value and enabling it to grow; it's about creating and maintaining a healthy, vibrant congregation.

The Beacon Board of Trustees has identified some hopes and dreams for 2015 that represent a change from the current budget:

1. Improving the Religious Education space
2. Upgrading the infant quiet space in our sanctuary
3. A cost-of-living raise for our staff
4. Sustaining the Minister's $\frac{3}{4}$ time contract

This year, our Stewardship Drive will begin on Sunday October 19th with a special congregational cupcake celebratory launch where you can fill in your pledge card and chose the financial amount you wish to give.

If you are not able to complete your pledge card at that time you may bring it to church on the following two Sundays or put it in the mail.

If you would like to have someone visit you in person, please call either Sue Sparlin, Stewardship Chair, at 778-319-7827, or Carol Woodworth, Board Stewardship Liaison, at 604-465-4992, to arrange a time. Or, if you wish, you may call our Minister, Rev. Debra Thorne, at 604-626-8006.

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Here are some details about donating:

You may donate by writing out monthly cheques, transferring investment funds or authorizing automatic deposits from your account.

We have included a fair-share giving guideline to help you chose your pledge amount.

Thank you for being part of our church community. We look forward to a fine year in 2015, connecting with each other, inspiring and being inspired, and thereby transforming our world together.

With warmest appreciation,

Your Stewardship Committee

Sue Sparlin, Anne McLeod, Carol Woodworth, Susan Tarras

Further links:

- [Suggested Fair Share Giving Guide](#)
- [Pre-Authorized Deposit Form \(PAD\)](#)
- [Transfer-in-kind Instructions](#)
- [2015 Pledge Card](#)