



# SALTWATER CHURCH, A UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

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Dear Saltwater Members and Friends,

March 15, 2020

We hope this letter finds you and your loved ones doing well.

These are extraordinary times, filled with uncertainty, but also with possibility. When the pledge team chose the theme “Imagine Abundance” and planned a music-filled worship service and a Stone Soup luncheon to celebrate the blessings of our community, we did not know the times we would be living in. Instead of coming together for a shared meal to begin the pledge drive on March 15, we came together to worship online. We are also reaching out to you by mail, email, and phone to reaffirm that we remain connected to one another.

We know that not being able to worship together in person is hard: we miss singing together, the view of the trees from the sanctuary, conversations during social hour, and the feel of one another’s hands during the closing words. This time also reminds us how much Saltwater church means to us and our families. How creative, flexible, and resilient we are. How much we already have.

A feeling of abundance begins with gratitude: an opportunity to name what we value most, and then to invest our time, energy and resources in that. This year, through the Board’s work on a new mission statement, we named what is most important to us as a church: being a welcoming community, fostering meaningful connections, caring for one another, nurturing spiritual growth, and acting for justice and equity. This year we will continue our visioning work to imagine together who we are becoming!

We ask you to show your love and support for Saltwater Church through our annual pledge drive. Attached you will find a brochure, pledge card, and a giving guide. The pledge drive goal is \$250,000. It is an ambitious goal which will help us to ensure that we have the resources we need to come together in community and live our values.

Pledge drive cards can be returned by mail, or you can send an email to Gaye Greeves, Treasurer, with your pledge: [gntfw@aol.com](mailto:gntfw@aol.com). All pledge responses are due by April 5.

Despite uncertainty, the possibility exists that we can continue to nourish our beloved community in these extraordinary times. We invite you to give generously within your means and to imagine abundance!

Blessings,

Your Pledge Team: Tom McDavid, Saphronia Young, Mary Paynter, Silvia McClung, and Rev. Kristen Kuriga