



SALTWATER CHURCH, A UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

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Dear Saltwater Members and Friends,

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Thank you for the ways you have cared for each other this year and tended to the strong roots of this community.

It has been a year with so many unprecedented challenges. Together we struggled through a pandemic, climate driven natural disasters, escalating racial injustice, and challenges to our democracy. Some of us have lost loved ones, and all of us have grieved losses, while not being able to comfort one another by being together in embodied ways.

We have been together in spirit. And together, we persisted!

We have persisted through care: by making phone calls, delivering care packages, facilitating support circles, and making space for our joys and sorrows.

We have persisted through creativity: by moving worship online, reimagining programs, collaborating with local congregations, and finding new ways to support families.

We have persisted through commitment: to our collective well-being through the Stance for Racial Justice, UU the vote, advocacy with Sound Alliance and SCAN!, and to our church, by continuing to invest our time, talents, and resources so that we can fulfill our mission.

Your persistence, care, creativity, and commitment is inspiring!

In the midst of the pandemic, we also clarified our mission. At Saltwater Church We Practice Love, Foster Connection, Nurture Spiritual Growth, and Act for Justice.

As we start our annual pledge campaign, we invite you to continue to invest in our beloved community. Our pledge goal is \$230,000, the same as we pledged last church year. We know this has been a time of economic uncertainty, and we are grateful for every expression of commitment.

Enclosed you will find a pledge brochure where you can learn more about the church's income and expenses and find a worksheet to help you think about your giving level based on your income. You will also find a pledge card. This year you will be able to return your pledge card by mail or complete an electronic pledge card. Check the website homepage for more details. The pledge kick-off is on Sunday, March 28, and we ask that you return your pledge card by Sunday, April 11.

Again, thank you. We are so much stronger together!

Blessings, Rev. Kristen Kuriga

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