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Dear Members and Friends,

For the first time in its 100+ year history, the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Houston has adopted a collective vision: together, we are **Widening Love's Circle**. Coupled with our congregational mission and covenant, this new vision has set the tone for our 2023 Stewardship Campaign, helping to define a strategy for how we plan to live out our shared values and build the world we want to see.

Throughout the last year, First UU Church has been explicitly dedicated to cultural inclusivity and been intentional in expanding our reach to previously underrepresented communities. We have:

- Produced transformational, **multilingual, multigenerational worship, music, and arts** experiences to inspire and uplift our community – both together in-person and online.
- Provided a welcoming and loving **home for spiritual development** for diverse people of all ages, orientations, identities, and backgrounds.
- Examined our values around **racial justice** through conversations and workshops on the prospect of adopting the proposed 8th Principle of Unitarian Universalism.
- Addressed the **climate emergency** through values-based action and education on reducing the carbon footprint of our church building and personal lifestyle choices.
- Advocated for our sisters in the fight for **reproductive justice**, access to basic healthcare, and the right to bodily autonomy.
- Walked alongside **migrants and refugees**, supporting them in their journeys towards safety and self-determination.
- Worked to uphold **democracy and voting justice** in the Houston region and beyond.

Together, we share both a tremendous legacy and an exciting future. Now, when the world seems especially in need, we recommit to sharing our love with one another, with our local community, and with the wider world. **Through the charge of Widening Love's Circle, we call on each member of our congregation to re-dedicate ourselves to this work, and to renew our membership and financial commitments in support of this beloved community.**

The coming year brings great challenges and opportunities as we work together to create ever-wider circles of love. Join us as we honor our powerful legacy and build a more hopeful future.

With Love and Gratitude,

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