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Dear Members and Friends,

So much has been accomplished that we must brag! We've lived under our vision for a year and together *we are* Widening Love's Circle. We're experiencing an ever-increasing Sunday attendance! Our successful capital campaign has positioned us to be a healthy and efficient steward of resources. This year's stewardship theme is **United for Love and Action**. Your pledge will support our staff and programs as we venture towards our Beloved Community.

We are requesting pledges for financial commitments to the 2024-2025 operating budget for our church. You may ask – what's in it for me? Why should I make a pledge? Aren't occasional unscheduled donations appreciated? Any donation in any form is truly a gift. However, for optimal planning in 2024-2025, we need to know the budget – our pledge commitments. Your new or continuing pledge will **unite us in love and action**.

Membership has its advantages. Such as being an integral part of:

- A loving and caring Covenantal Community which embraces and promotes love, service, peace, and truth.
- A Community that widens "...love's circle by honoring the inherent worth and dignity of all, advancing justice and religious pluralism, and inspiring an ever-deepening spirituality."
- A Community that is committed to diversity, equity, and anti-racism.
- A Community that actively advocates for social justice and spiritual inquiry.
- A Community that pursues a just and equitable world while encouraging spiritual discovery and growth.
- A Community committed to the democratic process of congregational elections.
- A Community that benefits from its members sharing their "...time, talents, and treasure to serve each other and the community with compassion.

Please commit to supporting our tremendous 110-year legacy and being the liberal beacon for Houston and beyond. Commit to Widening Love's Circle and moving toward our Beloved Community. To help us meet our financial goals and keep pace with inflation, please consider increasing your 2024 donation. **Donations can be made at <https://firstuu.org/pledge/>, mailing in a check, or text-giving [Text (Firstuu) to 73256].**

There are exciting things happening now and, in the future, for First UU. Together let's be **United for Love and Action!**

In Love and Gratitude,

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