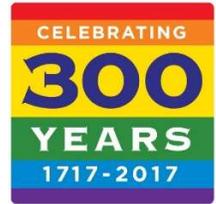




First  
Parish  
in Brookline

A WELCOMING UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



March 1, 2017

Dear Members and Friends,

We are kicking off the 2017-18 annual pledge campaign!

**Now, more than ever, we are called by love,**

Savoring our renewing worship - supported by powerful and diverse music – to foster our spiritual growth, compassion, reflection and impetus to action.

**Now, more than ever, we are sustained by community,**

Craving compassionate community that offers all who engage a profound sense of welcome, belonging, connection and care through life's joys, struggles and sacred passages.

**Now, more than ever, we are committed to justice,**

Thirsting to work together to make justice more real in the world.

**We need each other, now, more than ever!**

These are especially challenging times for all of us. It's harder than ever to decide how to use our time, talent and treasure to live out our UU values in the world. Yet it is here – at First Parish – where we gather in community to help one another grow, care and act.

We hope you'll find the information on the attached pages helpful as you discern how you might approach pledging differently this year. Higher pledges will reduce our unsustainable dependence on our endowment and move us toward greater financial health. And securing all our pledge commitments by mid-April will help make it possible for the Parish Board – and the congregation as a whole – to make wise decisions about next year's spending. **So please pledge now! \***

Over the next three years, we are planning to meet face-to-face, one-on-one with every single member and friend. If you'd like us to reach out to you this year, just let us know! Check the box on the pledge form – on-line or attached here! Or reach us at [canvass@firstparishinbrookline.org](mailto:canvass@firstparishinbrookline.org)

When gratitude and giving are aligned, our community can live into its boldest dreams, and we can be well prepared to call our next settled minister. Your support matters **now, more than ever!**

Thank you!

Karla Baehr  
Canvass Co-chair

Laura Hatfield  
Parish Committee Stewardship Liaison

Bob Williamson  
Canvass Co-chair

Rev. Rebecca Bryan  
Interim Senior Minister

**\* Now, more than ever, we need each other and our faith community to thrive!  
Please consider increasing your pledge for next church year.**