



A WELCOMING UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

March, 2018

Dear Members and Friends,

What a time to be part of this vibrant community! We are moving into the last several months of our interim ministry and preparing to call and welcome a new minister, celebrating the start of a new chapter while honoring our past.

We the people—individually and together— we are the church. We are called by love, sustained by community, and committed to justice. We give our time, talent, and treasure. We are the reason this congregation recently celebrated its three-hundred-year anniversary. And we will ensure the church's next three hundred years.

The interim ministry has positioned us for success. Last year, we reduced the sustainability gap by HALF with deep spending cuts and a goal-breaking pledge campaign. We also increased membership, plate offerings, volunteer time, and benefits for staff. Not bad for one year!

The Canvass Team and Finance Committee believe we can achieve our long-held vision of fiscal sustainability **this year**. To further reduce the endowment draw from 7.5% to a sustainable 4.5%, we must raise an additional \$60,000 of annual revenue from a combination of pledges, building rentals, and other fundraising. Thus, our pledge goal for this upcoming fiscal year—July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019—is \$450,000.

This campaign is about money, yes. And it's about more than money. It's about who we are. We feel the energy and commitment in this beloved community. The growth in our membership and the success of last year's campaign show us the time is right to deepen our roots so we can grow together. What matters most is that we all participate and support this beloved community. Every gift, of every size, matters and is deeply appreciated.

In faith and community,

Clare Reilly, Canvass Co-Chair

Melinda Maryniuk, Canvass Co-Chair

Laura Hatfield, Parish Board

Bob Williamson, Past Canvass Chair

Rev. Rebecca Bryan, Interim Senior Minister

P.S. Go online to make your pledge today! (firstparishinbrookline.org/pledge-online) Help us to continue doing together what we cannot do alone.

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