



**Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship:**  
*An inclusive religious community encouraging  
lives of purpose, service, and joy*

February 16, 2022

Dear Members and Friends,

It is time for our annual pledge drive - a perfect time for us to contemplate all the reasons that BUF is important to us, and to decide our level of financial support for the coming year. Your pledge goes to BUF's General Fund, which covers staff salaries, lights, heat, office supplies, repairs, insurance, denominational support, our mortgage, and other expenses of serving our community.

This is a key time for our Fellowship, when every pledge, large and small, has a strong positive effect on our growth and financial stability. **How much we can give now will determine how much we are able to support each other and our world, this year and for years to come.**

The pandemic is still making its presence known and we want to focus on keeping each other healthy and safe. ***This year we again wish to accomplish most of the pledge process virtually (online).***

Here's what we all need to do so that our Fellowship can continue to flourish:

- 1) Reflect with pride on everything that BUF does for your fellowship and the greater community.
- 2) Talk with your family about what BUF means to you, and the ways you depend on it.
- 3) Resolve to pledge as much as your situation permits. (Personally, we've found the updated "Fair Share" contribution guide on the back of this letter to be helpful.)
- 4) For inspiration, we have enclosed "Renewing the Faith", our pamphlet written by Roz Reynolds.
- 5) When you are prepared to make your pledge, you may do so with our online pledge form here: <https://wp.buf.org/administration-overview/donate/2022-2023-pledge-drive/>
- 6) Another way to pledge is to simply email the following information to [stewardship@buf.org](mailto:stewardship@buf.org): name, address, home phone, cell phone, email, \$ amount, how often (per month, year, etc.), if you want EFT (auto deduct from your bank account) please state so.
- 7) If you have any questions, please contact the Stewardship team at [stewardship@buf.org](mailto:stewardship@buf.org) or call Kathy at the BUF office (360) 733-3837. We can help you complete your pledge via mail or other means.

How we share our material gifts defines us as individuals and as a congregation. We rejoice in our opportunity to give as we are able. *Generosity is how we manifest our stated mission.*

Finally, this year, we are kicking off a new YouTube Channel – "Vlad of BUF". Our first video will walk you through how to pledge online. We will continue to have videos during the pledge drive and then continuing throughout the Fellowship year. We will keep you posted of new offerings through the Mid-Week Update.

What an exciting opportunity to be part of what BUF is doing to build a better world!

In fellowship,

Rick/Vlad  
For the 2022-2023 Stewardship Team