



# The Community Church of Chapel Hill

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Dear Beloved Congregants,

(No, I'm not back from sabbatical yet. This pledge letter was composed pre-sabbatical on December 31, 2021.)

I'm writing to wish you a *Grand Slam* Day of Service on March 5 and to ask you to respond to the Annual Pledge Drive by generously knocking it out of the park.

The Day of Service is a celebration of our church community and our impact in the wider community. I hope you enjoy meeting people at church you haven't met before and feel inspired by our connection with the many awesome organizations with which we partner.

When you consider your pledge for the coming church year, I hope you will be as generous as you possibly can be.

The long pandemic has stretched and challenged all of us, and churches are no different. However, I am proud to say that I know of no other Unitarian Universalist church that has responded better than we have. Not a day goes by that I am not thankful for this church, inspired by your resilience, and proud of all we accomplish together. You are the church that ministers dream of serving!

Your generous pledge of financial support in the coming year is needed to take care of our staff and compensate them for their outstanding work. Your pledge is needed to fund our programs, including religious education, music, worship, and social justice. And, your pledge is needed to keep our (thankfully, larger!) building open and operational.

My family and I will be making a leadership pledge of \$7,000 for the 2022-2023 church year because we believe in the mission of this church and the difference it makes in our lives and in our world. I hope you will be as generous you can be in your pledge.

Hit it out of the park!

See you on April 1. No fooling!

Rev. Thom