



Shoreline Unitarian Universalist Society

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Dear Shoreline Members and Friends,

Over the past year, SUUS has continued to evolve and transform in the face of a challenging environment. Who could have imagined all the inventive and creative ways we've employed to stay together and build our community? Look at what we have accomplished:

- A transition from Zoom-only to multi-platform services, allowing us to be together again.
- Our vibrant Faith Formation program has created a variety of online, indoor and outdoor religious education experiences including family chapels, classes, activities and events
- Social justice projects with broad participation from the entire congregation.
- The rewriting of our Endowment into the new Vision Fund.

None of this would have happened without our members and friends. We are compassionate, committed, and resilient souls, joined in faith to grow our spirits, support each other, and help the greater community. Looking forward, our goals for the coming year are:

- A joyous and safe return to services inside our building.
- A successful search for a dynamic new minister.
- Celebrating and supporting our amazing staff.
- Sharing the good news about our congregation with the community around us.

In order accomplish these goals, we need everyone to renew your financial commitment to this community we love. Why do we give? Studies show that giving and generosity make us happier and healthier and can extend our lives! It connects us to each other and to our shared values. It builds our congregation and our faith. It improves our quality of life. So, in that spirit, we are aiming for 100% participation and 100% happier congregation!

Our Pledge Drive runs from March 20 through April 3. Thanks to you, last year's **Pledge Increase Matching Fund** was so successful, we are doing it again. We have over \$5000 in the fund today and will match, dollar for dollar, any increase to your new pledge or to any first-time pledge up to \$500. For example, if you increase your pledge by \$500 above last year's pledge, the matching fund will donate \$500.

This is a limited-time offer! You must submit your pledge no later than April 3 to take advantage of this generous offer.

Remember, if we do not receive your pledge by April 3, we will renew your pledge at your current level.

You will be receiving updates throughout the pledge drive. Please be sure to read them and let us know what you think.

With gratitude for all we share together,

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