

Imagine...

UUCD Stewardship 2023



A Message from Leonie Pickett, Board Trustee:

Imagine, by John Lennon, had always been one of my favorite songs, so I love hearing that it is the theme of this year's stewardship campaign. When my kids were babies, they had a room decorated with little animals drawn by John Lennon and a mobile over their crib that played the melody of *Imagine*. I've been a UU my whole life, and both of my kids have been coming to this church since the Sunday after they were born. As much as that song provided inspiration for me as I tried to raise them to be people who would make this world a better place, this church actually gave them the tools to do it and a community that modeled compassion and the power of doing collective work for justice. My kids are now 22 and 18, and I will never stop being grateful for the way this congregation and denomination shaped them.

As I enter an empty nest phase over the next few years, I know it will continue to shape me for the better, too. I imagine being part of our work in the near future to live deeply into our new 8th principle and also into helping our church have net zero carbon emissions by 2030. Such bold visions make me feel like part of the future solutions for our hurting world; I couldn't be more thrilled to continue giving my time, talent, and money to that. Please join me in giving generously so this church can have the resources to turn our imaginings to reality.

A Message from Karen Friis, Stewardship Team:

I grew up with the family practice of tithing. Even though my folks grew up in the Depression, they always felt compelled and driven to give back. As a young adult living in a communal household for 15 years, we shared one bank account. Imagine our House Meetings: the six members brought info on our favorite non-profits; we would debate the merits of each. We were committed to creating a more loving and equitable world, and knew that our small offerings might be part of that imagining. Always we gave at least 10% of our monthly income. Always, there was consensus. To this day, I offer 10% of my income to my community. Imagine the impact UUCD could have in our world if we moved toward a tithe of 10%.



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