



# NORTHLAKE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

*A spiritual home where all are welcome*

Dear Northlake Members and Friends,

We invite you to take a moment and reflect on what has drawn you and what keeps you at Northlake Unitarian Universalist Church. Maybe you have found a place that invites your questions instead of spurning them. Maybe you have found a place that doesn't judge the way you live your life and accepts you for who you are. Maybe you feel you have found your spiritual home.

Northlake has worked tirelessly to fulfill its vision: to be a beacon for love and justice. We work to oppose structures of oppression, to protect and improve our environment, to nurture the young and vulnerable, and to be a force of transformative change in our church and wider community. You have been a part of that fulfillment, whether you have worked directly for a cause or simply shown up on a given Sunday.

However, to fulfill our vision, to be the spiritual home to those that need it, requires an incredible amount of effort and resources. It's a task that simply can't be accomplished *only* on Sunday mornings.

In recent services you have heard some of the many ways Northlake fulfills its mission and lives out the seven principles of our faith. Just a few highlights include our community outreach efforts, our religious education program, our worship team, and our music program.

**Northlake church is able to fulfill its mission and offer these resources thanks in large part to the financial gifts of our members.** *(Yes, it costs real money to make these things happen!)*

We understand that to make that gift means making a decision to give something away that you might use for something else. To do that may require choosing not to buy a latte, or carrying a sack lunch into the office once a week instead of buying lunch. The amount may seem insignificant, but did you know that an additional \$10 every week can help send a young Northlake member to UU Youth Conference, provide supplies for the Northwest Detention Center vigil, or just pay the church's monthly electric bill? **Your gift matters – it matters to you as the giver and it matters to your church.**

As you reflect on what brought you and keeps you at Northlake we hope you keep in mind that the gifts we bring make good things happen here. Thank you for being a part of it. The enclosed chart can give you an idea of how others practice generosity and hopefully help you find a comfortable starting place for yourself. Challenge yourself to give in a regular and disciplined way. We promise you won't regret it.

With gratitude,

*Fran Wessling and Diane Slota*

Stewardship Team Co-Chairs