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"Be a light unto the world."

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Dear Members and Friends of Interfaith,

This has been an exciting year at Interfaith and we are so grateful to have you traveling this journey with us. Though we faced some challenges to meet our monthly financial goals this year, our building fund is now over \$15,000!! We are extremely grateful for your generosity, making it possible for us to get to where we are now, and we hope you will consider us in your financial plans again as we end this year of significant change.

As of the end of October 2017, our Sunday offerings show an increase of \$1,000 compared to the same time in 2016, but our building rental income and special offerings are significantly lower, explaining the overall financial shortfall. Special offerings are typically one time gifts and are often received at the end of the year. We want to enlist your aid in keeping us on track toward true financial stability and your special offering as a year-end donation would help us to continue providing the valuable spiritual programming we all cherish. In order to end the year in the black, we need your help to bring in \$10,000 of special offerings by the end of 2017. While this may seem like a lot, we have made significant progress in our growth and stability overall and expect to continue to do so in the year to come. The Ministerial Team, Board of Trustees, Finance Committee and Leadership Team have endorsed the following suggestions for improving our financial health.

- First consider making a year end "Gift to the Interfaith Center." This will help us to more quickly reach our goal of boosting our working capital.
- Second, consider becoming, if you haven't already, a sustaining supporter of our Center by committing to some form of automatic giving monthly or annually through Paypal, ACH withdrawals from your financial institution, or regular charges to your credit card. You can do this by visiting our Online Donations page on our website.
- Third, make sure that you are signed up for one of our grocery reward programs. This is absolutely free money. Everyone buys groceries. Busch's and Kroger are the easiest and most rewarding programs. If you need help in getting signed up, please see Craig Harvey. You might even consider asking your neighbors and friends to sign up with us if they are not using this program for some other non-profit.
- Lastly, consider making a gift to the Center as part of your estate plan. An endowment fund is an important building block for organizational stability.

Over the years, we have served as a safe, loving space for people to pursue their interest in spiritual matters. As members and regular participants, *you* are stewards of this oasis of fellowship and peace and together we will keep the well overflowing! Thank you so much for your support and for being a part of our Interfaith family.

Blessings,

Lauren Tatarsky, Senior Minister
Minister

Delyth Balmer, Administrator, Associate