



Dear UUCT Member, Friend, or Frequent Visitor,

Welcome to the 2020-21 canvass (pledge drive) of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tallahassee (UUCT). Every year we ask each member, supporting friend, and frequent visitor in the congregation to make a financial commitment (pledge) for the upcoming fiscal year so that UUCT can grow, nurture and support programs and ministries that matter to us and to our community.

Our canvass theme this year is “Grow Our Love.” This includes loving UUCT with our priceless gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

After two years of budget increases supported by our generous congregation, we are “holding the line” on most church spending for 2020-21. Any pledges above those in the current year’s budget will be devoted entirely to cost-of-living adjustments and raises for our hardworking, talented, and highly valued staff – in line with UUA guidelines. It is thus important for all to match and some to better their pledges from the current year. The accompanying Fair Share Contribution Guide may aid your pledging decision. Of course, pledges in any amount are deeply appreciated in reaching our Asking Budget pledge goal of roughly \$248,000. You can pledge online or with the paper pledge form included with these canvass materials.

As in prior years, you will join one of eight canvass teams whose goal will be 100% pledge participation. Your team captain should contact you shortly (if not already). Color spreadsheets in the sanctuary, veranda, and office list the team captains, team names, and members.

Our pledge drive will officially begin with a potluck Sunday on **February 9th**, and it will conclude with a fulfilling communal meal to celebrate our full church coffers. Appropriately, therefore, each canvass team is named after a garden item grown with loving hands.

Have questions? See the “Frequently Asked Questions” posted on the UUCT canvass website at www.utallahassee.org, Donate. Or consult your team captain.

In warm fellowship,

Your 2020-21 UUCT Canvass Committee:

Ev Anderson, Maggie Bowden, Courtney Brewer, Kristen Coyne, William Levwood, Lynette Norr, Rod Oldenburg, and Debby Smallwood