## UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF TALLAHASSEE



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Hello Members and Supporting Friends,

While we get to say goodbye to the recent cold weather, and usher out this brief winter period, we can all look forward to the spring season, a time when we start to see nature rise up and flourish, a time for new wildflowers to bloom, and wise oaks to blossom. This is also an exciting and important year for our beloved congregation, a time to maintain and nurture our existing programs, and potentially grow new ones. While we will sadly say goodbye to Charlotte, we will also be calling a new minister, who will help us grow and thrive into the future.

Every year we ask each member and supporting friend in the congregation to make a financial commitment (pledge) for the upcoming fiscal year so that the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tallahassee (UUCT) can grow, nurture, and support programs and ministries that matter to us and to our community. This is called the annual canvass, and we are looking for your pledges. This year's theme is *Plant the Future*!

Take some time to think about the importance of our church and how it nurtures and feeds us and others around us. From the Sunday services, weekday activities, to supporting important social issues impacting our community, none of this takes place without your generous support. The UUCT is a self-supporting church. Over the last 7 years, the funds raised during the annual canvas effort have provided approximately 90% of the annual budget for the church.

This is a great time to reflect on how you can do your part in creating and maintaining our beloved community. What will you do to help our church grow and thrive? During the month of February, the congregation will hear from your fellow members, and will be asked to participate on a canvass team. You will hear from members who will discuss how the church is an important part of their lives, and how the church is working hard to positively influence our community. Most important, you will have the opportunity to give and renew your commitment to the church. UUCT exists now because of the past work and financial support of each member and friend.

So, join us in the garden, and be willing to get your hands dirty! We need your help to plant the future and help us thrive.

The 2018-2019 UUCT Canvass Committee:

Len Adams, Ev Anderson, Maggie Bowden, Kevin Coyne, June Noel, Annette Pearce, Debby Tipton, and Denise Wooley