



**Beacon Unitarian Church**  
**Connect • Inspire • Transform**  
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Dear Fellow Beaconite:

Thank you for being a part of our Beacon Community. Each year we have a tradition of connecting with members and supporters to ask for your financial pledge for the upcoming year.

Stewardship is not just about the money. It's about taking care of something you value and enabling it to grow. It's about creating and maintaining a healthy, vibrant congregation so that you can do more to help others. It's about using your money to change people's lives for the better.

Because our financial contributions to Beacon have given us a strong and vital community, we have been able to reach out and transform the lives of others in many different ways. For instance:

1. Beacon volunteers and contributions to The SHARE Food Bank provide needed daily sustenance to many in our local neighbourhoods;
2. We come together for Sunday worship services, care for and teach our children, and minister to our community;
3. Through our Share-The-Plate program we were able to give a substantial cheque to "I's on the Street" and provide much needed support to those needing work in New Westminster and will be doing so for another charity in 2017;
4. Every week we connect, inspire and are inspired through Sunday services, our many affinity groups, youth programs, and the national organization (Canadian Unitarian Council); and;
5. We have the strength and the will and the resources to help bring the Al Rbaai family into Canada and to continue to support them and us in learning about our respective cultures.

We look forward to a fine year in 2017. With the financial strength and stability of our pooled resources we can continue our good work in the world. With our connection and inspiration for one another we grow and learn and change not only our own lives but also the world in which we live.

With great appreciation,

Your Stewardship Committee

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