



**Beacon Unitarian Church**  
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Dear Fellow Beaconite:

Thank you for being a part of our Beacon Community. Thank you for your generosity this past year.

Because of you, 2017 has been a good year. I'm sure you all agree that Rev. Debra is our shining light. Did you know... we have been fortunate to have a private donation for the past few years, to increase her time from ½ to ¾ time? Beacon cannot expect that gift to be on-going.

With Debra's spiritual and practical leadership, we have seen a growth in our numbers and a strengthening of our common bonds. Among our accomplishments:

- \* We supported 4 members of the Al Rbaai family for their first year here in Canada and we have formed a team of members hoping to sponsor another 4 of their family members.
- \* We are embarking on an 8 session Truth, Healing and Reconciliation Reflection Guide.
- \* We began to and continue to, mentor the Nelson congregation in their transition to Unitarianism.
- \* This in addition to Sunday Services, R.E., Lunch Bunch, Food Bank support, Share the Plate, Soup Lunches, Circle Dinners, Choir, Soul Matters, Book Club, Humanist Group and more.

Our Beacon community is about so much more than money, but without the money to operate, we cease to exist. Pledging to Beacon means you are taking care of something you value and contributing to its growth. It means you care about creating and maintaining a healthy, vibrant congregation and using your money to change your and other people's lives for the better.

Our theme this year is "Smooth Sailing for 2018". An increase of 2% in pledges will allow us to cover our increasing expenses. Any additional moneys we are able to raise through pledges will go to increasing Rev. Debra from ½ time to ¾ time. To reach that ¾ time goal would mean a further increase of 22% in pledges raised.

We look forward to a fine year in 2018. With the financial strength and stability of our pooled resources we can continue this good work in our own lives and in the world. With our connection and inspiration for one another we grow and learn and change, transform if you will, not only our own lives but also the world in which we live.

Please see the attachments to this email

With great appreciation,

Your Pledge Drive Team,

Carol Woodworth, Susan Tarras, David Kristjansen, Marilyn Medén, Audrey Taylor and Rev. Debra Thorne