



Dear Members and Friends of UUCA,

As many of you know, members at the Annual Meeting on June 3rd overwhelmingly voted in favor of a special Summer Challenge Campaign to fund a contract Assistant or Associate minister to begin as soon as possible. I'm writing you today, before the kids are out of school, before summer kicks into high gear and you've scattered to wherever summer might take you, and before you let it slip your mind, to ask you to give.

Click [here](#) to do it online. Or fill out the purple pledge card you'll find in the pews on Sundays and drop it in the collection basket during the Offertory.

If you give at least \$200.00, I will contribute \$10.00 up to \$5000.00. We've just begun this Summer Challenge and I'm already in for \$100.00! Please make me pay up the whole 5K.

- If you haven't pledged for the new fiscal year beginning July 1st, please do so as generously as you can.
- If you've already pledged, please increase your pledge as best you can.
- If you've pledged as much as you're able to sustain, please give a special one time gift to support this effort.
- And if none of this is possible for you, please know that you are valued here just for being here. We need you even more than we need the money.

**So why am I doing this and asking you to join me? Because you really need the second minister! This church is too big and too dynamic for a solo minister, especially during this period of transition. And because I know you can do this!**

But, perhaps you will say, since the Rev. Linda Olsen Peebles resigned a year ago, there has been only one minister at UUCA and we've been fine. Yes, and that's because we've had two very capable half time people - Intern Minister, Christin Green, and Social Justice Coordinator, Elisabeth Geschiere - and because Tamara Srader was appointed Acting Executive Director and

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took on all of the administrative duties since Rev. Aaron's departure in January. These terrific people have made it possible and I've enjoyed working with each of them.

However, neither Christin nor Elisabeth will be here in the coming months. Christin cannot return to UUCA for her 2nd year of internship because Wesley Theological Seminary and the UUA both require stability in the ministry for their interns. And Elisabeth departs with our blessings in mid-August to begin seminary at Vanderbilt. She will be an excellent minister.

In addition to Sunday services three Sundays a month and working with the Board and key committees, your incoming Interim Minister, the Rev. Terasa Cooley, will focus much of her time and attention on the organizational development tasks of getting the church ready to call its next settled minister. A considerable amount of Tamara's time, and that of other administrative staff, will be needed to assisting that work. A second minister is crucial to manage pastoral care, carry on the social justice work, preach regularly, and assist wherever needed.

So please, give this your most careful consideration and be as generous as you can. My last Sunday with you is July 29 which is also a couple days before the Summer Challenge Campaign comes to a close. Nothing would make me happier as I say goodbye than to hand UUCA a check for \$5000.00 that day. Let's make this happen together!

With Affection and Appreciation,  
Rev. Beth