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Dear Members and Friends of CUUC,

Traditionally March has been the kick off month of the CUUC Canvass during which Members and Friends pledge a donation to support CUUC for the following fiscal year beginning July 1. A successful pledge drive is one of the main factors in developing CUUC's budget for the year.

However, based on the extreme circumstances and uncertainties surrounding the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, both health-wise and financially, the CUUC Board of Trustees decided at the end of March to move the canvass/pledge drive to a later point in the year, when hopefully some of these uncertainties will be clearer.

The Board has to present a budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1 at CUUC's annual meeting in early June. With little information on expected pledges I, as Treasurer, am having difficulty setting a reasonable budget. A further complication is that one of our tenants, WCSPP, cancelled its lease as of September, resulting in a loss of about \$22,500 rental income for the 2020/2021 CUUC year. Other rental income, such as rentals for use of our facilities by movie companies, is also uncertain. And, we are not sure how much our annual goods and services auction will raise

As Treasurer I can really use your help, by providing me with an indication as to your pledges for this coming year:

1. If you are willing and able to maintain or even increase your pledge for the full year would be great; please let me know
2. If you are not sure, but are willing to provide a number for only ½ year (6 months) that would be great too.
3. If you are not in a position to pledge at this time, I would like to know as well.

If you can email me as to your pledge intentions, please do so at your earliest convenience, so I can make a rough estimate of how much money the pledges will bring and propose a budget within those estimates.

If you could email me at Treasurercuucwp@gmail.com, that would be greatly appreciated.

This year's Canvass theme was supposed to have been "You are a piece of the Puzzle – Together we can!" This holds true now more than ever.

With your input and your help, I am sure we will come out stronger at the end of this time of uncertainty than we were at the beginning, but I would need everyone's help and your financial contribution, if possible, to make this a success.

I look forward hearing from everyone at CUUC

Concluding, I would like to thank everyone who has been helping to keep CUUC going, especially our ZOOM services crew. I am truly amazed how quickly CUUC adapted to these changed times, and I am proud to be part of CUUC.

Thank you, and look forward hearing from you.

Chris Kortlandt
Treasurer CUUC