



# Granite Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation

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and nurtured

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Dear Granite Peak Members and Friends,

I was deeply moved by the overwhelming vote of confidence members offered the Board at the January 21<sup>st</sup> Congregational meeting where we agreed to embark on meaningful improvements of our facility with money available for that purpose.

In the warm after-glow of that meeting, I now invite you to join me as we begin our annual stewardship effort. Our Stewardship campaign motto aptly encapsulates the atmosphere of last Sunday's Congregational meeting: "Hope Grows Here." Our bylaws require that the Board present a balanced operating budget for approval at a Congregational meeting in May. The 2024-2025 fiscal year starts July 1st. It is through our generosity that Granite Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation pays its staff and supports its many programs and events. Our goals for this campaign are to: 1. Share our principles with the wider community through service and music; 2. Increase staff salaries to conform to Unitarian Universalist Association guidelines; and 3. Continue to care for and improve our facility.

We all seek to sustain and grow Granite Peak UUC as a compassionate, spiritual community that:

- Celebrates diversity
- Nourishes the personal and spiritual growth of all ages
- Shares our gifts
- Promotes justice for all
- Serves the world we live in

To do this, budget preparation for the 2024-25 budget year began in November when committees met to determine what they would need to support their respective missions for the coming year. Many worked tirelessly to achieve a balanced budget to support those needs. The Board of Trustees has approved that budget with a pledge goal of \$253,443, an increase in requested pledge support of 6.4% percent over the current fiscal year. Much effort was made to keep the increase to a minimum. As always, additional income will be raised in fundraisers, building rent, and other donations. Since most of our budget goes to salaries, it is critically important that we meet our pledge goal.

Karen and I look forward to joining you at our annual Congregation Dinner on Saturday, March 2nd, from 5-7:30 pm at the Prescott Centennial Center, 1989 Wineglass Drive in Prescott. It will be a fun and inspirational evening. Rides are available for those who do not drive at night or at all. Please ask for a ride when you make your dinner reservation on Sunday mornings in Davis Hall, after the service.

Sincerely,

Richard Denney, Board President GPUUC

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Welcoming Congregation; a Social Justice Force in the Quad City Area; Pro-Environment; A Fair-Share Member of the Unitarian Universalist Association

