

# Making it Real

## Year- Round Stewardship at UUCL

**We are all stewards of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Lancaster, entrusted with the continued health and growth of our spiritual home.**

The Annual “pledge drive” is gone!

Stewardship at UUCL is now encouraged through a multi-year rotation of connections and conversations:

- Small group gathering in members’ homes.
- Direct one-to-one conversations.
- Confirmation of continued financial support, by letter.

Every two years, congregants will have a personal interaction to talk about stewardship; in between, contacts will be by mail. By the end of four years, the entire congregation will have been through the cycle, and be ready to start again.

**Making it Real activities** will be visible and integrated into all aspects of the church. The primary goal is to strengthen our connections with one another and with our church; the secondary goal is to encourage everyone to support UUCL financially, at the level that fits their circumstances.

\* **Small Group Gatherings** [October, November & December]  
*Co-sponsored by Membership & Stewardship*

Intimate gatherings of long-time and new congregants at members’ homes: an opportunity to get to know one another and the church, and to make a financial commitment. New and potential members will be invited to join the stewardship process through these gatherings; new hosts will partner with experienced hosts.

\* **One-on-one meetings** [February, March]

Individual members will arrange face-to-face conversation with congregants to talk about the church, and share stories of personal commitments to service, spiritual enrichment, and financial support. A wonderful way to strengthen connections.

\* **Continuing Support Letters** [December, January]

A personal note from the UUCL Board of Trustees or the Stewardship Team, thanking members for their generosity and confirming the amount of their contribution.

**COME. STAND IN LOVE. MOVE THE WORLD.**



### **Stewardship:**

—the conducting, supervising, or managing of something; especially the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care (i.e. the *stewardship* of our natural resources). Middle English, from Old English *stigweard* < *stig* "house, hall" + *weard* "keeper."

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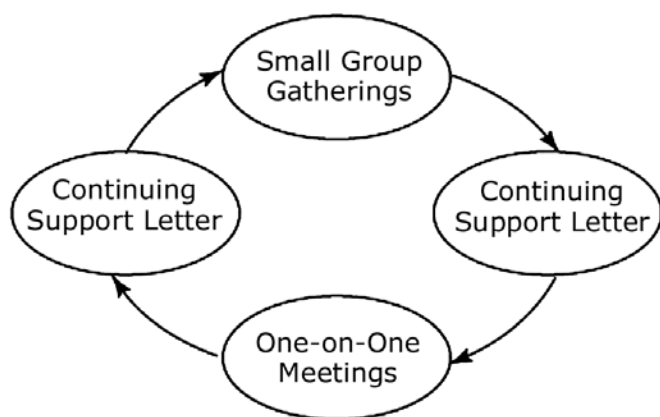
***Making it Real*** acknowledges that while people contribute in different ways and from different motivations, financial commitment always flows from connection and a sense of ownership.

***Making it Real*** emphasizes participation and engagement with the church, and shifts the focus from raising money to building a healthy community.

***Making it Real*** uses staff, volunteer and congregant time responsibly and respectfully.

***Making it Real*** builds on previous successes — it allows for energy and creativity, and involves many new people.

All UUCL congregants participate in stewardship activities in a new four-year rotation:



Look for your stewardship letter in January, telling you how you can be involved this year. Questions? Contact Nadinne Ziegler, Director of Administration and Finance.

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