



FAITHFULLY CONNECTED STEWARDSHIP 2022

October 17, 2021

Greetings and blessings to all UPC members. On behalf of the Session of University Presbyterian Church, it is my pleasure to announce the commencement of our 2022 Stewardship Campaign – “Faithfully Connected.”

One of the things for which I am profoundly grateful is that, despite the lingering pandemic, UPC has remained a committed and steadfast community of faith. Our congregation remains strong in so many tangible ways, including with incredible volunteers who work relentlessly to bring programs, services, and outreach to each of us and those most in need, and with staff who continue to support our congregation with creativity, curiosity, compassion, and depth. UPC is truly a beacon of light even in the long shadow of pandemic.

One of the reasons we have been able to stay so “Faithfully Connected” is because of your gifts of time, talent, and treasure – and, as a result, we remain in a very good financial position thanks to consistent and meaningful pledge fulfillment throughout 2021. In fact, because of the financial health of the congregation at the end of 2020, UPC was able to make significant one-time gifts to several local service and support agencies early in 2021 to address our community’s most pressing needs. None of this would have been possible without your generosity.

Of course, not everyone has enjoyed a stable financial position, especially in such uncertain times, even in our own community and family. Last year, we asked members who were able to give a little more to help those in a more fragile position. Our call remains much the same as we await a day when we can convene in person, enjoy the company of each other, and emerge from the pandemic with joy and thanksgiving. Although we are separated by distance, we remain connected in faith. I truly believe that.

As we embark on the stewardship season, we do so with a spirit of endurance and hope. I ask that you prayerfully consider making a pledge for the 2022 calendar year so we can continue to build on our legacy of connecting with campus and community. Our annual expenses are largely fixed, so it is ideal to have a committed pledge to build a budget with confidence.

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To make your pledge, I invite you to visit our UPC website (<https://upcaustin.org>) and use the 2022 on-line pledge tool: in the main menu, click on "Give," and then "Pledge to UPC," and fill out the short form. For those of you without access to technology, you can expect a mailing to arrive at your home very soon. For those of you who wish to mail in a pledge statement / card you are most welcome to do so.

Thank you in advance for prayerfully considering your pledged gift for 2022. I encourage you to enter your gift on-line / mail in your pledge card prior to Sunday, November 14, when we will dedicate all these gifts to the glory of God during worship.

On behalf of the Stewardship Committee, Peace and Grace to each of you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dan".

Dan H. Ellinor, Chair