

## **President's Message:**

UUA General Assembly is scheduled June 24-28. This year, it will be entirely online (so no travel expenses) and individual registration is \$150. If you wish to attend, information is available at <https://www.uua.org/ga/off-site/registrants>. There are a lot of really interesting events at GA—the Worship Services are inspiring, the Ware Lecture is always interesting, and the programming is really informative. In the past, the Ware Lecture was not always available online, nor was much of the programming. This year will be different—you might want to check it out. If you do plan to attend and wish to serve as one of our delegates to the Assembly, let me know ([tonyfil@hickorytech.net](mailto:tonyfil@hickorytech.net)) and I will arrange for your credentials.

A reminder: One way you can support the UUFM at very little additional cost is to subscribe to the Scrip program. If you regularly shop at a wide range of commercial outlets (food, dining, gas, clothes, entertainment, even Amazon), you can pre-pay through the Scrip program and a percentage of that price will come to the UUFM. Your only expense is a small transaction fee. If you are interested in more information, contact Dennis Cramblit or our treasurer, John Knox.

And, speaking of supporting the UUFM, our operating pledge drive for the coming year has been very successful, considering the circumstances. So far we have received pledges of almost \$128,000 from about 2/3 of our members (60 households). There are still a few pledges outstanding which, if they all come in, will bring our total up to \$137,000—which was the goal we set for ourselves back in January before the Covid crisis hit. If you have not made your pledge yet, there is still time to get it in before the annual meeting.

Finally, the Board is planning to apply for a grant for technology and technical support to permit us to continue and to improve online streaming of our Services once we reopen our doors to regular meetings. If you have skills in this area, or ideas of what you would like to see us doing, please get in touch with me or Andy Roberts, who is convening a task force to look into this.

*Tony*

## **Annual Meeting**

We will hold the UUFM Annual Meeting on **Sunday, May 31, at noon**. Because of the Governor's Order requiring physical distancing due to the Covid 19 pandemic, we will be meeting virtually on Zoom, which will require some alteration in our rules of procedure. The procedure for the meeting will be very similar to what we are already using for our Sunday Services. Any votes will be carried out virtually, and any actions taken at the meeting will be re-affirmed at our next in-person meeting. The election of new members to the Board will require a quorum of 30% of the membership; we encourage everyone to join the meeting after Sunday Service.

The agenda for the meeting will be:

- Approval of Minutes of Mid-Year meeting, January 2020
- Election of Board of Directors (President, Vice President, Treasurer, 2 at-large Members; Treasurer and 1 at-large member are continuing appointments). Brief biographies will be coming shortly through e-mail.
- Board Report of Committee activity
- Ministry Report
- Stewardship Report
- Budget Recommendations for 2020-21