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Dear Members and Friends of the UUMH Chatham:

As you know, March moving into April ushers in the onset of Spring with all its wonderfully beautiful changes to our lives and our surroundings. It is a time of transition, a time of change. Not at all unlike the effects and influences Spring has on us, so too are the transitions and changes the Unitarian Universalist Meeting House of Chatham is facing going into 2024. Over the past four years, we have been fortunate to have the strong leadership and insight from our minister, Reverend Tracy Johnson. Sadly, Tracy will be moving on from our Church on the Hill to pursue further life's aspirations. We all wish her well. She will be missed!

As a consequence of Tracy's eventual departure, we will be transitioning to a new minister and with that, new leadership and guidance. Furthermore, the Meeting House will be reviewing possible structural and procedural changes with respect to the Board of Directors and the Program Council with the aid of an outside consultant. The goals of the reorganization are to consolidate our committees to prevent unnecessary overlap of responsibilities and volunteer fatigue and to streamline our overall procedures for greater efficiency and effectiveness.

Coming out of 2023 into 2024, the UUMH Chatham has made some noticeable and remarkable accomplishments. The Social Justice Committee has repeatedly succeeded in arranging associations and support for numerous needy and worthwhile causes. We have benefited from numerous outstanding guest speakers' presentations. The Thrift Shop has been both exceptionally well run and financially successful. The UUMH Chatham stepped up to charter and sponsor the local Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts/Girl Scouts as they lost former sponsorship!

At this time, every year we ask our members and friends to make a financial pledge or in-kind voluntary contribution in support of the Unitarian Universalist Meeting House of Chatham. Our goal this year financially is \$100,000.00, as well as the invaluable volunteer energies and efforts of members and friends! You can email your pledge to uumh@uumh.net or donate through our website at www.uumh.net. We hope to have your response by April 30. Whatever you elect to give either monetarily and/or with in-kind voluntary efforts, we are grateful and accepting of your contribution!

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