

# Capital Campaign Drive



River of Grass  
Unitarian Universalist Congregation

## VALUES?

“So what are your values?  
What is important to you? Your church?  
Your children? Black Lives Matter?  
Fracking? Climate Change?

*“It’s a huge responsibility, isn’t it – deciding where to put your wealth, especially when that wealth is money. In this capitalist, free market world of ours, money is power and with great power comes great responsibility. The power and responsibility of being a Unitarian Universalist is about discerning your values and then living them. Every dollar you spend is a deliberate choice. And you get to choose how to spend it. So spend it as a Unitarian Universalist...”*

*Michelle Ma*

Student at the Pacific School of Religion, Berkley  
First Unitarian Church, Oakland, CA



**“A Beacon of Religious Liberty in Western Broward”**

When our charter members met to birth our beloved community, they chose this to represent the mission for River of Grass UU Congregation.

Our contemporary mission statement reflects our covenantal relationship to each other and the larger community:

**“At River of Grass UU, we nurture our spirits,  
love intentionally,  
and create a just and healthy planet.”**

We are a vibrant and growing congregation and our needs both physical and spiritual have outgrown our former space.

At the Mid-Year meeting, our congregation voted to initiate a Capital Campaign to raise the funds necessary for our Future Home.

Your contribution is essential to the success of this Drive.

Every dollar is important.

Large or small, your donation counts.

River of Grass continues to flourish as we seek to live our mission.



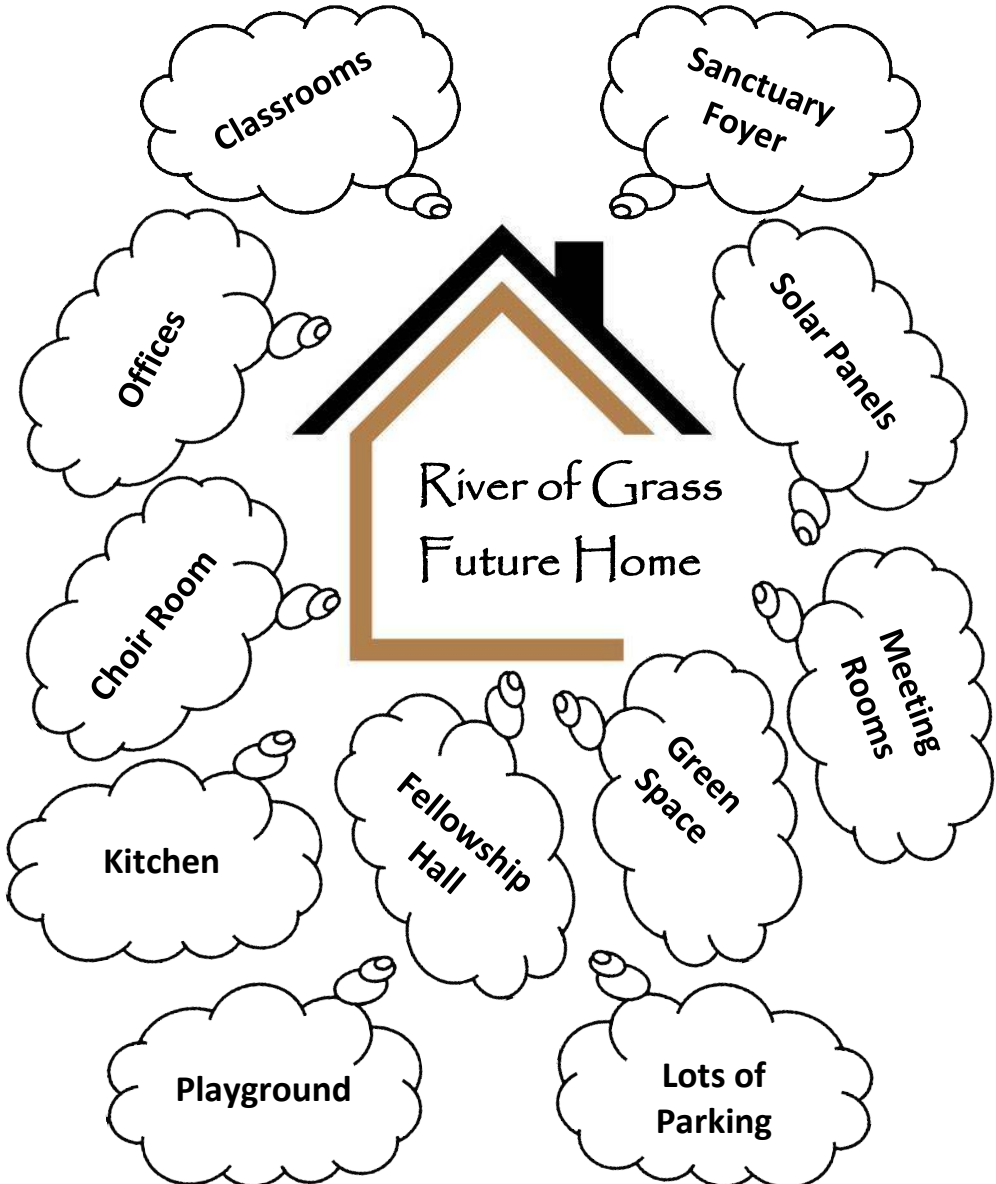
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## FUTURE HOME

What will our new home look like?

Who Knows?

But here's what we are looking for...



## WHAT DO WE WANT FOR OUR FUTURE HOME?



The Service, Social and Justice Green Team would love for the River's electricity to come from the sun, not fossil fuels.

What I want in our new home is a place to be me even if my outlook on life is not yours. To feel welcome. And physical space to accommodate all generations young and old. And green space outside.

*Elly Keane*



I'd like a space with room to teach classes at the least, and my best scenario would be potential to explore setting up a legitimate school in the future.

*Mallory McLaren*

*Just over twenty years ago, a gathering of passionate Unitarian Universalists set out to establish a home for liberal religion in Western Broward County with no address, and no assurance it could work, yet led by a bold vision for the future of this faith, and possessed of courage to set out for it together.*



*Today, in these unprecedented times, we are called to take up that vision even more bravely, more devotedly, more determined than ever before to find this Beloved Community its forever home, that this transforming faith to live and grow for generations to come. If ever our world needed the principles of Unitarian Universalism, it is now. If ever a people were called to build a new way in this world, it is us. If ever there were a day to rise up and feed the future of our faith, it is today. River of Grass is the place. We are the ones. Shine on!*

*Rev. Amy Carol Webb*



*From the very beginning, it has been one of my great joys to witness and be a part of the unfolding story of River of Grass. It's an honor and a privilege to be among you during this exciting and pivotal time of our shared journey.*

*Gary Gonzalez*



*In the midst of self-sequestering, wearing masks, and washing hands frequently, our beloved community has come together in hope and life over fear. We have risen to the challenge of virtual worship. It has brought the opportunity for those without a home congregation to sample our services. Our small groups strengthen our personal connections.*

*The River has risen to the occasion. We are truly a community of love and support.*

*The pandemic has enabled us to get out of a financially draining lease. Moreover, has renewed our commitment to find our Future Home.*

*We need everyone to financially support this move.*

*Every gift is important, no matter the size.*

*Please support our future with a pledge to the Capital Campaign Drive.*

*Kathy Jens-Rochow*  
President



## RIVER MEMORIES



Sunday centers me from the stresses of the week... back to the neutral world of kindness and acceptance. Our new home will offer inspiration to learn and be nourished for adult education.

*Rita Cherubini*



Progressive people and ideas are welcome!!

*Patty Miller*

I am happy to belong to this religion and belong to this congregation because I am inspired and comforted by both.

*Kristine Barkley*





My husband was raised in a Jewish family. I was raised in a Christian family. We came to River of Grass seeking a common spiritual home. I could never have anticipated the transforming effect Unitarian Universalism and THIS congregation have had on me.

*Janet Schwartz*



River of Grass is an amazing community filled with loving, caring, and justice-seeking individuals.

*Esther Sampol*



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*Jacquie Velazquez*

## FUTURE HOME

I love River of Grass because it feels like home! From the first time we heard Rev. Amy's introduction, welcoming us as we are & acknowledging the sacred native Tequesta lands on which we gathered... I knew this was the place for us.

I enjoy the invitation to learn & explore other faiths without judgment or condemnation. Every Sunday my spirit is lifted & faith recharged. This is truly a congregation that embodies the love & service as described in the UU covenant.

My kids LOVE the faith development classes, lots of arts & crafts. They look FORWARD to going to church! In fact, they demand that we go on mornings when I'd rather sleep in.



I'm grateful to find a place where my children can learn the values & morals of faith, with a focus on love & acceptance rather than fear & judgment.

*Kevin Young*



A place where like-minded community can gather and grow.

*Mandi Sehgal*



Home is Where the Heart Is - Over 10 years ago, I was invited by my BFF (Elyse Brunt) for the music; then I came for Rev Amy - her music spoke to me all the while I was commuting from California; and when she was to be the permanent Rev! Woo-hoo!; I stayed because I found a warm, loving, caring home, my peeps, here.

*Kat Holland*

I helped to create this liberal home in our neighborhood so that my children might attend school with other UU children. And, it worked! They spent their high school years carpooling each day with other River teens.

*Karen Gonzalez*



## ESSENTIAL GIFTS CHART

| Gift Range          | Number | \$ Raised |
|---------------------|--------|-----------|
| \$100,000 +         | 1      | \$100,000 |
| \$75,000 - \$99,999 | 1      | \$75,000  |
| \$50,000 - \$74,999 | 1      | \$50,000  |
| \$40,000 - \$49,999 | 1      | \$40,000  |
| \$30,000 - \$39,999 | 3      | \$95,000  |
| \$20,000 - \$29,999 | 3      | \$65,000  |
| \$15,000 - \$19,999 | 5      | \$80,000  |
| \$10,000 - \$14,999 | 5      | \$60,000  |
| \$7,500 - \$9,999   | 7      | \$55,000  |
| \$5,000 - \$7,499   | 8      | \$60,000  |
| \$3,000 - \$4,999   | 8      | \$35,000  |
| \$1,000 - \$2,999   | 10     | \$25,000  |

**750,000**