



401 West Avenue South, La Crosse, WI 54601

October 1, 2025

Dear UU La Crosse Members and Friends,

We are a vibrant community of members and friends seeking spiritual growth, leading change, and collectively transforming lives. On October 1st, the 2026 pledge drive begins with the theme: *Rooted in Fellowship, Ready to Flourish*.

This past year, we've seen the continued growth of a flourishing UU La Crosse with:

- Sunday Service programming that offers meaningful messages from a variety of inspiring and informative experts with diverse spiritual and service backgrounds.
- An active and vibrant, year-round, religious education program serving elementary through high school youth, which includes youth-led services, outdoor activities, and service projects in the community.
- A revitalized music program led by our new, accomplished music director who plans music for every service and leads our choir two Sundays a month.
- Financial stability by making smart decisions like paying off the mortgage, creating a planned giving program, and establishing reserve funds to support the continued viability and growth of the Fellowship.
- A commitment to being a Green Sanctuary by hosting our first-ever Climate Justice Revival, planning and participating in a multi-faith Earth Day celebration, and co-sponsoring La Crosse's Week Without Driving.
- Community outreach and volunteering at the Kane Street Garden, Great River Folk Fest, Pride in the Park, Juneteenth Celebration, Artspire, Earth Fair, and the Warming Center, hosting a successful blood drive with the American Red Cross, and the addition of a new Outreach Coordinator to increase our visibility and impact in the community.
- Activities & enrichment in the form of our outdoor group, book discussions, movie nights, trivia team, the Wyalusing indoor camping weekend, all ages social nights, weekly meditations, and covenant groups, along with several member-hosted social justice gatherings focusing on care, support, and action.

- A welcoming environment for visitors and a guided path towards membership for all who are interested in deepening their relationship to UU and the Fellowship, through thoughtful outreach efforts, regular UU 101 sessions, and the creation of educational materials.
- Staff wages & benefits aligned with our values & deep appreciation for their work.

For more, listen to testimonials from friends & members by visiting uulacrosse.org/stewardship!

Thank you for helping us to thrive and make these manifestations of our UU values possible! It is with great appreciation that we thank you for your past contributions through your input, engagement, and financial support. We're eager to see what our collective energies can accomplish for the year to come. We are hoping for a quick, successful campaign this fall to meet board and teams' 2026 budget requests for **\$146,000**. We will have a **Potluck Celebration** on **Saturday, November 8th at 6:00 PM** that everyone is invited to attend!

If you haven't been contacted yet, a steward/ambassador will reach out to you soon. We ask that you take this opportunity to connect with them and:

- Give us feedback about making the UU Fellowship a better place.
- Ask questions about where your pledge goes and your role in supporting the Fellowship.
- Explore ways to deepen your connection to the UU Fellowship in the coming year.

You belong at **UU La Crosse**. **UU La Crosse** belongs to **you**.

With appreciation and in fellowship,
The Stewardship Team & Board of Trustees