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*“God is the source of a mighty stream of substance, and you are a tributary of that stream.  
Blessing the substance increases its flow.” Charles Fillmore*

October 7, 2010

Dear Friend,

First, we want to begin this letter by saying a huge THANK YOU for the loving support you provide to our spiritual community. Because of your gifts, we are making a tremendous difference in the world. This last quarter alone, we provided 224 backpacks to children, dedicated 20 new prayer chaplains and began operating as a remote site for Silent Unity.

Earlier this year, hundreds of congregants participated in a survey regarding the possibility of a capital fundraising campaign. Many asked to receive more detailed financial information about the ministry's budget. Our financial statements are now available on our website where you can view them at any time at [www.ucop.org](http://www.ucop.org).

In the spirit of sharing financial information, we want to let you know that we are currently experiencing financial challenges. As with many churches and non-profit organizations, our contributions have decreased \$42,230 or about 9.6% during the past 4 months. While we have controlled our expenses carefully, they still exceed our revenues by \$52,330 since May when our new fiscal year began. We are blessed to have operating reserves of \$187,893, and of course we want to conserve them as best we can.

The members of our board of directors are committed to being good financial stewards, and here is what we are doing:

- We are monitoring expenses closely and actually reduced expenses by \$59,700 or 4.1% in the previous fiscal year, while reducing expenses \$8,135 (1.2%) so far this fiscal year.
- We are exploring ways to take advantage of current lower mortgage rates for our \$2 million mortgage for which we currently pay \$18,9432 each month.
- We are not pursuing a capital campaign at this time in order to focus on building our general operating fund.
- We continue to tithe 10% of all revenues to those individuals and organizations who spiritually feed us.
- We continue to offer excellent programs, services and ministries.

You might be interested to know that the building improvements which have been completed in the past two years (i.e., remodeled restrooms, new carpet, paint, and landscaping) have been financed by designated funds borrowed in 2008 and approved by the membership specifically for the beautification and repair of our property. These improvements are *not* a part of our general operating fund which pays for day-to-day expenses such as salaries, mortgage, utilities, etc. We still have about \$169,000 remaining of the designated funds.

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We will continue to keep you posted as we move forward. In the meantime, here is how you can help:

- Pray daily for our spiritual community. A beautiful prayer to use is our core value of Abundance: “We know that God is our source and we celebrate the unlimited possibilities present in every moment.”
- Bring your friends to church with you so they can receive the spiritual tools they need to live an abundant and meaningful life.
- Volunteer, serve and participate in the community as you are able, especially in our exciting time of Fall Faith.
- Give financially as you are led, knowing that every gift makes a difference.

We are committed to sharing financial information with you and will update you as we make progress. If you have any questions at all, please feel free to contact Reverend Bob Barth, Associate Minister of Administration at (913) 649-1750, [rbarth@ucop.org](mailto:rbarth@ucop.org), or Allen Carl, Board Treasurer at (913) 972-4030, [acarl@ucop.org](mailto:acarl@ucop.org), or any of our board members.

We stand firm in our core value of Abundance and look to a very bright future ahead. These temporary challenges have not dampened the energy of our spiritual community which is more committed than ever to our vision of a world of peace, harmony and abundance for all.

Abundant Blessings,



Reverend Patricia Bass  
Senior Minister



Tom Hadley  
Board President