GROWING OUR FUTURE

Unity Palo Alto

Thank you, God, for our beautiful congregants and our spiritual home of Unity Palo Alto. As we pause in this moment, we feel at one with Divine Presence, our source of infinite abundance. We combine our gifts of time, talent and treasure in our Capital Campaign and preserve our beautiful campus for ourselves and those yet to come. Our hearts and minds are open to guidance as we discern our parts in co-creating this vision. In grace and love, we lift up this campaign and move forward in faith.

And so it is.
Amen.

Commitment Sunday
April 24, 2016
Dear Spiritual Family –

We are inspired to be co-chairing the Unity Palo Alto Growing our Future Campaign. Planning for and being a part of this campaign has been a wonderful way to connect with so many of you already. Seeing everyone involved in helping with this campaign is heartwarming and reaffirms how important it is to all of us to maintain and revitalize our beautiful spiritual home.

Building these connections with each other is at the center of what makes Unity the welcoming and vibrant environment we all love and hope to share with all who step onto our campus now and in the future. Casey calls this the Divine Awesomeness that is Unity Palo Alto.

We are blessed to have a beautiful mortgage-free campus. It was built and maintained by those who have come before and some who are still here and for this we are very grateful. Now, it is our biggest and greatest hope that as we join together to revitalize our campus, the Unity Palo Alto legacy will continue to be an inspiration for those yet to come.

We invite you to join in the vision. Please take the time to look through this brochure detailing the projects this Growing our Future campaign fund will provide to our spiritual home. We also ask that you hold in prayer as to what feels right, what is your gift to give this community at this time. We are so blessed! We look forward to all who have grown personally and spiritually by Unity Palo Alto’s lessons, classes, and activities to be inspired to participate. Together we are creating the Divine Awesomeness of Unity Palo Alto!

Bring your pledge card on April 24th for our Commitment Sunday & Growing our Future celebration.

Blessings of Divine Awesomeness,
Lynette Ross & Casey Wicker

With God, all things are possible.
Your Decision to Give

Giving to the Growing Our Future campaign is a personal choice, unique to each individual and household. Only you can determine the amount of your gift. As you enter into this discernment process, there are several things to keep in mind.

**Your gift will flow from your heart.** It will be a gracious, good-feeling, enthusiastic response to all that Unity Palo Alto means to you. You have no doubt been touched by our Sunday services, meditation opportunities, group meetings, or by one of the other activities of Unity Palo Alto. Your gift is an exciting way of saying Thank You to this facility and to the wonderful people who staff and use it.

**Your gift will flow from your imagination.** Throughout our history, our leaders have looked ahead to all this campus would mean, so we today look forward to all those whose lives will be touched by a renewed facility. All the effort we put into improving this wonderful place will be like seeds planted for the future.

**Your gift will flow from your stewardship.** By supporting the most effective and efficient use of our campus, you will make the best use of our resources and will encourage an awareness of our earth and all its gifts.

**Finally, your gift will flow from your love.** As you have been touched by Unity Palo Alto, you have experienced spiritual well-being, a touch of renewal, healing, spirituality, grace. You are indeed loved. May your decision to give be an abundant blessing from your love.

### 3% Giving Chart

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Questions & Answers about your Decision to Give

How much should I consider pledging to the capital campaign?
That of course is between you and God. We are suggesting that you prayerfully consider giving 3% of your annual income (for each year of the three-year campaign) or 3% of your assets. The chart below might be helpful.

Is my capital campaign gift over and above my current annual giving?
Yes.

When should I make my capital campaign pledge; when should I start making contributions?
Please make your pledge on Commitment Sunday, April 24. If you won’t be at church that day, please send your pledge card in early or pledge online. You may begin making a contribution immediately or at any time.
- With us in person
- Can be made directly from your checking account or via your credit card

Employer Matching Gifts
In some cases a company or organization will match charitable gifts made by its employee. Check with your supervisor or Human Resources Department to determine if your employer has such a policy.

May I Give Stocks, Bonds, IRAs or Personal Property instead of Cash?
- Donating appreciated stock or property is an optional way to give
- It can save on capital gains tax and is a tax deduction

We recommend that you contact your own tax advisor before making this kind of contribution.

Everything comes from you, O God; all we’re doing is giving back what we’ve been given from your generous hand.
– 1 Chronicles 29:14

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Spiritual purpose of our Capital Campaign and outline of the projects

Unity Palo Alto is a prosperous church community. God has blessed us with a gifted congregation, a beautiful campus and a message that enriches our world. The Growing our Future Campaign invites our congregation to come together to revitalize our campus, and so assist our mission: centered in God, we co-create a world that works for all.

To revitalize our campus, here are the major issues from the Major Projects list that will be addressed according to the following three tiers, depending on the amount of pledges received.

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<td>• Solar panels installed</td>
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ROOF. The roofing over our entire campus is optimistically estimated to have three years of useful life left. The occasional rains and wind, but especially the constant UV radiation, have made a new roof a necessity. As every homeowner knows, a roof is something you don’t think about until all of a sudden, you have to! Mostly out of sight but absolutely necessary at Unity Palo Alto… a new roof. Estimated cost: $115,000.

HVAC. Our heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems need updating and replacement. About half the current equipment is either non-functional or operating inefficiently. We need a cost-effective HVAC system to make our campus comfortable and welcoming, as well as to reduce our demand on the electrical grid. Estimated cost: $50,000.

CARPET. We plan to replace the carpet in all the buildings over the next three years. The current carpet is old and unsightly, replacing it is relatively inexpensive, and it will be a major facelift for our campus. Estimated cost: $45,000.

RESTROOMS. The courtyard bathrooms are functional but outdated. Dramatic improvements of fixtures and appearance will make our campus more attractive. We anticipate that some of the estimated cost of $50,000 will be offset by increase income from our improved rental appeal.
Message from Karyn and John

And it’s true! So much is going on. The two of us, honored to be your ministers, have contributed to some of that excitement with the new steps we’re both taking. In this transition time, we are so grateful to each of you for all your generous words, words of appreciation, congratulations, very best wishes, love.

And we are thrilled that the excitement goes far deeper than that. The excitement is really about the future of the church we love, Unity Palo Alto. That future is based on the present realities: a vibrant congregation, excellent leadership, a remarkably beautiful campus, a stable debt-free financial position.

Given all that, what might our future look like? Of all the possible directions, at least one is perfectly clear: because of the capital campaign, our beautiful campus will become even more so. It has served us well since 1992, and now we plan to optimize it for our use and for the benefit of all whom God is sending our way.

As with our personal and family homes, we want our church home to be functional and beautiful, workable, warm and welcoming, serving us in the present and ready for the future too. Our lovely church home will include renovated space for children and youth, modern restrooms, new carpet, economical and efficient environmental systems, and a lot more too.

So yes, this IS an exciting time at Unity Palo Alto. Please, join us in making a capital campaign commitment to our church home. We ask you to consider a gift of 3% of your annual income, for each of the three years of the campaign, or if not working, 3% of your assets.

We ask you to be part of the excitement, part of the present, part of the future. Thank you for your generosity.

Rev. Karyn Bradley
Rev. John Riley