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CELEBRATING 140 YEARS IN THE SEARCH FOR TRUTH, KNOWLEDGE, AND JUSTICE

Dear Members and Friends,

Come to our Stewardship Sunday worship services at 9:30 or 11:15, March 21st. You are invited to bring your pledge to that service as a part of this year's "Gathering In, Reaching Out" Generosity Campaign. The following Saturday, March 27th, is our all-church party at the Field Club. Don't forget to RSVP to let us know whether or not you are coming (email to admin@firstuomaha.org or call 345-3039). We hope to see you there!

If you are new to our congregation, it is important to know that the pledges members and friends promise during this campaign support more than 75% of what goes on at our church. Your gift is important to our congregation.

Our programs for children and youth, our music programs, our community meals outreach, our worship services, our adult programs, our fun times together, our social action, and our support for one another comprise some of the reasons to support this congregation. We are a generous congregation --- we gave more than \$3000 on a single Sunday for Haitian relief and give every Sunday to various good causes in our community and around the world. Our congregation is also generous with their time --- maintaining the building and finances, providing hospitality and welcome, creating worship and music, cooking for those in need amongst us and in our neighborhood, caring for those who are sick or bereaved, teaching and leading groups, searching for ways to make us greener, planning for our future, and so much more.

However, I also support this congregation because of what we stand for. The values we uphold, and the messages we bring to the dialogue in the community are transformative ones. A commitment to religious tolerance, to respect the worth and dignity of people of every kind, and to an open-minded exploration of ideas, can make a difference in the lives of those who are subjected to prejudice and small mindedness. Even after all these years, I am always touched when I see someone discover a congregation that stands with them in their spiritual journey and allows them to be true to themselves. That is an irreplaceable gift.

Thank you for your support for the church in the past and for your support in the year to come.

Warmly,