



# BELIEVING WE CAN

## **The 2022-2023 Stewardship Campaign**

April 1, 2022

Dear Friends,

Last month two important things happened. We acknowledged our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary on March 26<sup>th</sup>, a milestone that reflects the time, talent, and labor we've given to our religious home. Today we are a strong, vibrant community thanks to those who came before us, and to those who are here now. Hats off and a deep bow of appreciation to the many people whose efforts we enjoy.

The other important thing could not have happened without those years of nurturing and growing a liberal religious home in Texoma. On March 20<sup>th</sup>, we voted to begin the exciting prospect of hiring a contract minister and, with hopes and a prayer, in a year we may welcome our first minister of our choosing. We trust you share with us this exciting step we're taking. It will entail an enormous amount of work from the search committee and work from each of us as well.

Believing We Can aptly describes us. Believing We Can led us to vote to hire a minister. Believing We Can led us to expand our AV systems so we can serve the world from Denison, TX. Believing We Can led us to recently welcome five members. Believing We Can led us to reopen our doors after sustaining ourselves in a YouTube and Zoom virtual reality for eighteen months.

The finance committee worked their magic and determined that our budget for the next fiscal year needs to be \$45,030. Your pledge, of whatever amount you wish to give, is important and we invite you to think about the importance Red River Unitarian Universalists is to you and what you wish to pledge over the next budget year (starting July 1). Please strive to reply by Sunday, April 17 so the finance committee will have time to prepare the proposed budget for our May 15<sup>th</sup> Spring congregational meeting.

Believing We Can will fund our future. Thanks for your support over the years if you've been here over the years and thanks for your support if you're a new pledger.

Be well everyone.

In gratitude,

Jim Holmes, Marilyn Alexander, David Dyer, Dick Powell, and Amy Hoffman-Shehan  
*The Board of Trustees*