

Stewardship Conversations

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The following is from a blog post by Bill Clontz, a stewardship consultant with the Stewardship for Us Team, supporting the UUA.* I think it's a wonderful affirmation of our duty to give of our time, talent and treasure in support our wonderful church and the UUA.

This Unitarian Universalism is where my values are anchored and centered.

This congregation is where I see those values lived out, day after day.

This is where most of my friends are.

This is where I find people that share my values, priorities, and sensibilities.

This is where I have my best discussions and good, healthy arguments.

This is where I know both my mind and my heart are welcomed – and challenged.

This is where I want the next generation to learn its values and to see behavior modeled.

So, if all that is true – and it is –

Why should my congregation or my UUA always seem to be struggling to get just 5% more in resources to do what we ask them to do for us and in our name?

Why, of all places, would I short this [community] of resources needed to live out our values?

I know I am lucky to be a part of all this. Others who came before me left all this for me.

In turn, I will leave it for future generations not even born yet.

I will not, on my watch, leave them a legacy of shortfall or a mindset of scarcity.

This is a rich heritage we have and an important future. There is work to be done.

I will do my part to feed and fuel this engine of hope and change.

* <http://stewardshipforum.com/envelopes-elevators-empathy/>

...Gary LaBedz, Chair of the Stewardship Team