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I am Ruth Slavin, a member of this congregation for about 10 years.

Outside these door I often feel surrounded by people uncaring of our planet, reckless with the truth, and heedless of human suffering. Inside these doors I find seekers. I see you at protests and rallies. Doing volunteer work. I come to UCG to be with you – to be enriched, supported and understood.

However, for the UCG to stay strong we need some help. We want to do a better job of looking after each other. A better job of looking after our world. A small group of wise UCGers researched how to get the help we need and have suggested we hire a quarter-time developmental Unitarian minister to help us build on our strengths to better organize and grow. We, the congregation, voted overwhelmingly to hire such a minister. Now we have to make it happen.

I want this group of gentle warriors to continue to live. I want this community available to help me die and to be here with a youth group to support my grandsons through their teens.

The continuance of UCG is at the top of my bucket list. We take for granted that our part of the world will be peaceful, safe, and compassionate, but it won't necessarily be if we don't keep working at it. Supporting our UCG community to grow and bloom is more important than any material thing we can add to our lives.

If we sincerely want this, we'll have to bump it to the top of our bucket list, and forgo some other things. Pledge as much as we can, realizing that new drapes will grow old, that an expensive dinner out will fade in our memory, but UCG can be forever. It's up to us.