

In the Interim

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Dear Partnering Friends!

I mentioned in our last UUPCC communication that the International Collaboration Group (ICG) has shared its most recent report: "[A New Vision](#)." I am thrilled with the commitment and work of the ICG and the direction they are pointing us toward. When we ask what life might look like in our post-pandemic world and what lessons we might bring to our life of faith when we finally get there, this report outlines some of those possibilities.

And we need your help to get there. Back in the fall (remember way back then!), I characterized the transition to the new vision as crossing a bridge (or walking a tight-rope): It is imperative that in the UUPCC's closing months, that we walk the bridge from now into the future with a boldness that only you can help make real by:

- Keeping your partnership vital by staying in contact with your congregation's team;
- Keeping in contact with your international partner and learning if there are ways you can be supportive of them as they battle the pandemic;
- Sharing the good news of partnership with your faith community including how they can support this ministry of partnership;
- Creating ways for your children and youth to be involved in partnering;
- Reading and sharing the UIUPCC newsletter in order to learn about the many ways others are sustaining and celebrating partnering.

As we move slowly closer to a time of transition, the value and work of the UUPCC remains constant: new partnerships are created, celebrations and planned, challenges are addressed - in short, the breadth and depth of partnering doesn't stop. Your Board and staff continue their work. Their commitment must be matched and backed with your financial support. So, I have two "asks:"

First, please renew your membership early this year. I recently received my email renewal notice and while my membership didn't expire for several months, I renewed immediately. To join or renew right now, here's the [membership link](#).

And second, if you can make an additional gift to the Partner Church Council, it will help keep the bridge wide and strong. There's a lot of talk in Washington, DC about infrastructure; we have our own infrastructure to maintain or improve, especially now. To help keep us moving forward just click the 'Donate Now' link at the bottom of this page.

Thank you for all the support that you have given us! This is an exciting time, a promising time. Take care and stay safe.

- Fred



(*ˈɪn-tər-əm*: the time between two particular periods or events.)