

A personal note to the Board:

For 25 years UUCGT has been my spiritual home. During a decade of turmoil in this congregation, I continued to participate actively in committee work (Sunday Services, Ministerial Search Committee, Conflict Resolution, Committee on Ministry and Board member, including a term as President). Three years ago at the onset a particularly bitter congregational fight, I was diagnosed with cancer. I decided it was necessary to withdraw from that negativity and spend my energy on healing.

Six months prior to that diagnosis, I attended a meditation retreat at UUCGT and found my spirit was nourished by meditation and participation in sangha. Sangha is the community of people who study and practice together, supporting each other in the path of awareness. My sangha meets in temporary space. Each week we set it up and put it away. We are searching for a place where we can come in and feel at home. I would love for that meditation space, somewhere ready for practice and open for all meditators, to exist in the building and community that has been dear to my heart.

For me personally, this provides a way to contribute to the life of this congregation in a way that brings me joy. Thank you for considering this proposal.

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