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Friends of VUU,

Our nation is at the precipice of a change in leadership—a change that could be pivotal to our future society. I hope you are less anxious than I am! As we march toward Election Day, I must admit that I am using all the tools I have learned at VUU to cope with uncertainty. I'm pausing to breathe a lot. I'm meditating. I'm singing (praying). And I'm attending services.

My friendships at VUU have been so critical during this campaign season, a true comfort and safe haven in a very conflicted world. I have heard the same sentiment from members of the Spirit of Life Reading Circle. This group--facilitated expertly by Mary Rothschild, Rebecca Riggs and Anne Schneider--meets one evening a month for deep discussions on brief theological articles. Every session includes laughing, crying and great debates! But more importantly, we check on each other and offer encouragement. And lately we've had to give each other extra support because of national politics.

Regardless of the outcome of this election, our nation will require a lot of healing. It will require leaders at every level to forge a new understanding for progress. VUU will be such a leader in our community. We are more needed than ever to bring peace, understanding, justice and hope.

Thank you for your involvement, energy, and financial support. Your contributions are critical and urgently needed to sustain the talent and momentum for progress.

Huge thanks also go to Reverend Earl Holt for serving as our sabbatical Senior Minister—"the temp", as he calls himself. His sermons make us chuckle and then think for days! We are also grateful to the volunteer Worship Associates—and to Kellie, Marci and Sue for their leadership in Andy's absence.

Let's all gather in November to welcome Reverend Doctor Andy and everyone else home! We have a Congregational Conversation after service on November 6<sup>th</sup>. Volunteer Day is November 12<sup>th</sup>. Andy returns to the pulpit on November 13<sup>th</sup>. See you soon!

Yours in covenant,

*Janice Miller*

President

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