



Thanksgiving 2021

Dear Fellow Existentialist,

Once Again, The Time To Choose Is Now !

The First Existentialist Congregation of Atlanta is a conscious choice community. We seek to make a difference in the lives of our members, friends and visitors. We provide a warm welcome for those seeking community, a secure sanctuary for those seeking safe harbor, and an acceptance of individual beliefs for those seeking spiritual growth. Plus, First E is a vibrant venue for art, dance, music, food and song in here-and-now fellowship...even via Zoom.

Our Bylaws require each voting Member to consciously choose to renew his or her membership every third year.

Thus, our Congregation regularly re-creates itself anew. First E is now celebrating its **46th** year of existence.

**At this time the 2021 Congregation cordially invites you to renew your personal support of the First Existentialist Congregation during 2022-2023-2024.**

Please choose to continue to support the First Existentialist Congregation as a **Member or Friend**. Individual donations provide most of our operating income, so each person's individual support is important and meaningful.

Our contributions enable our Congregation to do **52** Sunday Celebrations of Life each year; with magical music, intelligent ideas, delightful dance and more. Our contributions enable our Congregation to exist and to "Be Here Now" to provide hugs and help when our spirits need comforting contact with a caring community during trying times.

**Members and Friends...** Please renew your support of the First Existentialist Congregation in the coming years by returning your "Affirming Our Existence in 2022-2023-2024" form during December 2021.

**Everyone... Please make your final 2021 donations by December 31st.**

On year-end checks please note whether it is for a 2021 or 2022 pledge or gift, or for a specific Designated Fund. You can also donate through our website using PayPal, or by bank transfer to our BOND account. Thank You for your kind generosity!

**Season's Greetings... and please be well until we can safely meet in person again.**  
**And the latest word is that First E hopes to re-open on Sunday January 2, 2022.**

*Marsha*

Marsha Mitchiner  
Fellowship Minister

*Patton*

Patton White  
Board Chair

*Mary*

Mary Howard  
Membership Chair

## AFFIRMING OUR EXISTENCE IN 2022, 2023, and 2024

This is to affirm that I/We will support the First Existentialist Congregation of Atlanta in 2022 thru 2024.

Please list Me/Us in Congregation records as (check your choice):

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. First E **Member** (voting)

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. First E **Friend** (non-voting)

First Existentialist pays annual dues to the Unitarian Universalist Association based on our budget **and** on the number of First E Members who also identify as Unitarians. Please mark how you identify.

Check one or more: \_\_\_\_\_ Existentialist    \_\_\_\_\_ Unitarian Universalist    \_\_\_\_\_ Other

My/Our **pledge/gift** for First E's operating budget in **2022, 2023, and 2024** will be appx. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ yearly, with the understanding that I/We may change this amount at any time.

This amount will be paid by: \_\_\_\_\_ Check Enclosed    \_\_\_\_\_ Checks During Year    \_\_\_\_\_ PayPal

\_\_\_\_\_ Bond transfer    \_\_\_\_\_ Cash on Sundays    \_\_\_\_\_ Other

Names (Please print):

Birthdays: Month/Day/Year Is Optional

1. \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phones: **Cell 1** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell 2** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home** \_\_\_\_\_

Emails (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Please include My / Our contact information in the Congregational directory: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_\_\_ No

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**FYI**, the meanings of **Member** and **Friend** in our Congregation records are:

A **Member** is a person who checks **Member** (voting) and turns in a current Affirming Our Existence Form. **Only members are eligible to vote in Congregation elections or to serve on the Board of Directors.** Membership carries over for three consecutive years:

A **Friend** is a person who checks **Friend** (non-voting) and turns in a current Affirming Our Existence form; or who contributes to First E without doing a form. **Friends may participate in all Celebration of Life services and most Congregation activities, but Friends may not vote in Congregation elections or serve on the Board of Directors.** A Friend designation is also for three years.