



Fall 2012

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 acceptance of individual beliefs for those seeking spiritual growth. Plus art, dance, music, food and song in here-and-now fellowship.

Our Bylaws require each Member to consciously choose to renew his or her membership each year. Thus each year our Congregation re-creates itself anew. We are now beginning our 36th year.

At this time the 2012 Congregation cordially invites you to affirm your individual support of the First Existentialist Congregation in 2013.

Please choose to support the First Existentialist Congregation as a Member or Friend in 2013. Contributions from individual donors like us make up about two thirds of our annual operating income. Your personal support of First E is important and meaningful.

Your contributions enable our Congregation to do 52 Sunday Celebrations of Life each year; with magical music, intelligent ideas, delightful dance and more. Your contributions enable the Congregation to exist and be here to provide hugs and help when our spirits need comforting contact with a caring community.

Please choose to help support the First Existentialist Congregation during 2013 by completing and returning the enclosed form by December 31.

Members and Friends... please return the enclosed "pledge form" to First E.

Everyone... Please make your final 2012 donations by December 31st. Simply make out your check to First E and indicate whether it is for your 2012 or 2013 pledge, the Ramp Fund or whatever. You can also donate through our website using PayPal or by bank transfer to our BOND account. Thank You!

Best wishes and happy holidays,

Marsha Mitchiner
Fellowship Minister

Elaine Gale – Wilj Sturkey Mercado
Membership Chairs

Libby Ware
Board Chair

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AFFIRMING OUR EXISTENCE IN 2013

This is to affirm that I / We will support the First Existentialist Congregation in 2013.

List me / us in Congregation records as (*circle one*):

First E Member (voting) / **First E Friend** (non-voting)

So that we will have accurate records, please let us know how you identify (*check all that apply*):

___ **Existentialist** ___ **Unitarian Universalist** ___ **Other** (please specify) _____

First Existentialist Congregation pays annual dues to the Unitarian Universalist Association of \$77 for each First E member who also identifies as Unitarian Universalist.

My / Our contribution to the Congregation operating budget in 2013 will total \$ _____

This amount will be paid (*circle one*): **By check enclosed** **By checks during year** **Paypal (online)**
BOND Transfer **Cash (envelopes available)** **Other**

Name(s) <Please Print> _____

Birthday(s): ___ Mo. ___ Day ___ Yr. (optional) ___ Mo. ___ Day ___ Yr. (optional)

Mailing Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Home Phone #: _____ Other # (s): _____

Email(s): _____

Please include my / our contact information in the 2013 Congregation Directory (*circle one*): **Yes** **No**

Signature(s) _____ **Date:** _____

The meanings of Member and Friend in our annual Congregation records are:

A **Member** is a person who circles Member (voting) and signs an annual Affirming Our Existence form. Only Members are eligible to vote in Congregation elections, or to or to serve on the Board of Directors, or to vote on the ordination or selection of ministers.

A **Friend** is a person who circles Friend (non-voting) and signs an annual Affirming Our Existence form. Friends are not eligible to vote in Congregation elections, or to serve on the Board of Directors, or to vote on the ordination or selection of ministers, but Friends may participate in most Congregation activities.

Note: A person who makes a gift to First E. without doing an Affirming Our Existence form is also listed as a **Friend**. Friends may attend all Sunday Celebration of Life services and most Congregation activities.