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## Special Electronic UUCS Board Meeting to Consider Transferring Funds to Assist Congregants Affected by the Government Shutdown

### Attending:

Lynn Cardiff  
Robin LaMonte  
Benjahmin Boschee  
Cherryl Ramirez  
John Prohodsky  
Joanne Manson  
Julie Warncke  
Gloria Holland  
Janet Stevens  
Christine Ertl

A special UUCS Board Meeting was called to order via email on January 22, 2019 to consider transferring funds to assist congregants affected by the government shutdown.

### Background

The Finance Team received a proposal that UUCS offer to supplement the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits for member families who are using SNAP benefits. Due to the US Government shutdown, these families may start to lose benefits by the 2nd or 3rd week of February. The program would start the week of February 18 to provide time to work out the administrative details.

UUCS has \$1,013.60 in the Kairos Community Lunch. Kairos is no longer in operation. The proposal was to start with that money, and also to have a special collection once or twice to increase the funding.

The proposal was to disburse the supplemental SNAP funds to those who meet the two criteria:

- are a UUCS member family, and
- can show that they are on the SNAP program (with their award letter from DHS that is dated within the last 6 months, or the current notice from DHS regarding the change in benefits). UUCS would offer \$20/week/person beginning Feb 20.

The Finance Team at its January 18, 2019 meeting approved the funding aspect of the proposal and recommended that the funds be transferred to the Minister's Discretionary Fund. The approval was contingent on Board approval.

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Motion:

Robin moved and Lynn seconded a motion to approve the transfer of the balance remaining in the Kairos Community Lunch Fund to the Minister's discretionary Fund for the purpose of providing assistance not to exceed \$20 per person per week to supplement the SNAP benefits for UUUCS member families, contingent on proof that they meet the following criteria:

- are a UUUCS member family, and
- can show that they are on the SNAP program (with their award letter from DHS that is dated within the last 6 months, or the current notice from DHS regarding the change in benefits).

The email vote to approve the motion was unanimous.