

# The First Religious Society in Carlisle

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Dear Members and Friends,

In our church on the hill, we honor our vast and loving potential along with that of every other. We have faith that by doing so our community will grow in wisdom, beauty, and power. At FRS, we explore the fullness of what it means to be human, the fullness of what it means to live in community, and the fullness of what it means to love the world.

We need religious community to transcend the culture of the individual, to transcend the pressures of accumulation, to transcend the dictates of intimidation and fear. Here, in community, we become part of something greater than ourselves, something that has its own life and its own hopes—some so deep they are impossible to name. The community of FRS is a web of love and relationship we exist within, one worthy of reverence and one that necessitates keeping our hearts open, even when that is difficult.

We keep our hearts open with music and singing and bell ringing. We keep our hearts open with family ministry and spiritual development. We keep our hearts open with joys and sorrows, harmony and rhythm, gifts and offerings, with stories and dreams, with images and hopes, with inspiration and dedication. We keep our hearts open to those in need: with our efforts guided by love, with our service in the name of goodness and justice.

Please be generous with this religious community that dedicates itself to goodness, beauty, peace, and love, to all that is tangible and intangible in this web of relationship we share. We are blessed to be in this together, and as with all true relationships, our investment must be mutual if we are to remain healthy and strong.

Each year, for hundreds of years, this church has had faith its members and friends would pledge so that it might continue to exist, and even thrive, for another year. We ask this of you today, that you PLEDGE. We ask this of ourselves, so that ministries dreamt of centuries ago, ministries hoped for decades ago, ministries envisioned in this past year can be sustained and realized, so that this church with all her beauty and promise will be here seven generations from now—still loving the world.

With hope for our future,  
Lisa, Pam, and Dan

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