



February 22, 2021

The Rev. Eliana Maxim & E.J. Lee
Presbytery of Seattle
1013 8th Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Eliana & E.J.,

Thank you for Presbytery of Seattle’s 2020 sponsorship of the Church Council of Greater Seattle during a year of great turning. Your leadership support of \$1,000.00 assists us in bringing valuable and beneficial movements to the forefront – building a bridge to a better future, together. This letter reports back on your sponsorship benefits and what you made possible during 2020.

You may recall that sponsorship recognitions look different this year, as we endured a year of remote connection due to COVID-19. [Here’s how we were grateful to recognize your support:](#)

- You may find your name proudly displayed on our website here: <https://thechurchcouncil.org/ways-to-give-2/>,
- You were listed as a sponsor in 2 emails sent to our list of 1500 faith-rooted activists.
- Keep an eye out for the 2020 annual report that we will send your way: your support will be listed there as well.

[You are warmly invited to join our Annual Assembly on Tuesday, March 23 6:30pm – 8:00pm over ZOOM.](#) It’s the best place for you to hear about the work you’ve supported directly from the local leaders at the heart of this work. You may join into a breakout group for our organizing areas. And you’ll hear our gratitude for your support. RSVP at <https://thechurchcouncil.org/assembly>

[Here are the movements and moments your sponsorship supported in the tumult of 2020:](#)

- **We pivoted to community organize over ZOOM** -- among our 9 circles of faith-rooted community leaders -- 4 regions of housing advocates, 5 immigrant-accompaniment cohorts, plus 2 circles of youth involved in justice systems They are protecting housing budgets and immigration policy across the county and the state. They are strengthening local community organizing. *This is the long-term work that needs to be done even during this crisis.*

- **The Immigrant Accompaniment team pivoted to raise and share direct aid to 100 households who were not eligible for other support** -- with \$22K of rental assistance and delivery of 1022 food boxes, plus accompanying community members to sensitive meetings.
- **The Youth Chaplaincy Coalition** supported youth online and by telephone even when mentors and chaplains couldn't visit facilities. They showed up in creative ways, continuously leading our juvenile justice systems into better ways of connecting.
- During 2020 our organizers also **set vision for 2 new initiatives: addressing our need to grow in racial equity and support congregations grappling with their futures...and pasts.**
 - **Organizing Fellows:** year-long paid positions invest in the leadership of folks from the neighborhoods where we organize
 - **Faith Land Cohorts:** congregations who are considering how to use "their" land learn & share an organizing process – inviting awareness of privilege, building clarity within the congregation, & generating responsiveness to neighbor needs. *This effort was piloted in 2020 because of support from the 2nd Century Fund launched during our 100th Anniversary Celebration -- the past investing in the future.*

In a separate attachment, you may enjoy a gallery of photos of our local leaders, with a quote from each, to share with you a glimpse into the joyful community, brought together through the power of your leadership and support.

If you have questions about your sponsorship please contact Philanthropy Manager Beth Amsbary at BAmsbary@thechurchcouncil.org or (206) 204-3853. If you would like to talk further about our work, I'd welcome another conversation. You may reach me at MRamos@thechurchcouncil.org.

Thank you for joining us in this sacred partnership of solidarity.

In Faith & Justice,



Michael Ramos
Executive Director