

Dear Friends

With Easter fast approaching we have two invitations you may consider:

### **Easter Offering to go to *Just A Warm Sleep***

Each year Charleswood United Church takes up a Special Offering during Holy Week and Easter so that the hope we celebrate can be shared in tangible ways with those whose needs are greater than our own. This year's Easter Offering recipient will be **One Just City**, the umbrella organization that supports the work of the United Church Outreach Centres in Winnipeg. One of their programs is focussed on caring for the vulnerable during Winnipeg's cold winter nights. Charleswood's Easter Offering is being directed towards the program *Just a Warm Sleep* where up to 30 people experiencing homelessness are provided a safe and restful sleep off the streets.

This hospitality is provided in a space shared with Oak Table Community Ministry at Augustine United Church in Osborne Village. *Just a Warm Sleep* has sought to increase its ability to offer meals, washrooms, showers, and laundry services all while maintaining the dignity and safety of their guests. To accomplish these goals they are engaged in a \$2 million renovation program. Gifts to the Easter Offering will go directly to these capital improvements.

At a time when we are more aware of the vulnerability of Winnipeg's homeless population than ever before, we have this opportunity to make a difference.

For more information on *Just a Warm Sleep* please visit <https://www.1justcity.ca/just-a-warm-sleep>  
For ways to contribute to this effort please visit the donate page of the Charleswood United Church website or call the church office.

### **A Call for Easter Pictures**

In preparation for the Easter service we are welcoming any photographs that show what Easter means to you. These may include any images of people, nature, decorations, celebrations, or religious sites and objects which somehow capture the Spirit of Easter for you.

If you wish to offer a photo please send to [lrousseau@charleswoodunited.org](mailto:lrousseau@charleswoodunited.org) by Monday, March 29. Don't forget to ask permission of anyone in your picture as they may be posted on our online worship service.

Grace and peace,

Michael