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October 1, 2026

Dear <<First>>,

On Sunday afternoon, October 18th at 3:30pm you are invited to join us in the Meetinghouse to celebrate the Foundation's Tenth Anniversary. The ceremony will be opened by Mayor Lundberg and will honor key supporters and contributors like you, followed by a festive reception in the social hall. *Please hold the date!*



You are central to our mission to preserve Gloucester's historic 1806 Meetinghouse, fully restoring the exterior and transforming the interior into an unparalleled civic center and performing arts venue. When completed it will combine Federal period elegance, superb concert hall acoustics and energy-efficient climate control for up to 500 people, while remaining the treasured home of the Gloucester Unitarian Universalist Church.

So much accomplished, so much more to do!

During the last ten years we have squeezed maximum value from around \$1million, raised through your generosity and from private, municipal and state sources. Our early achievements included installing a fire monitoring and sprinkler system, filling the walls with R50 fire-proof insulation, and making the 220-year-old Meetinghouse carbon neutral, a rare achievement. Next, the iconic 125' bell tower was fully restored with all-mahogany trim and arched windows for its octagonal lantern, enhanced waterproofing, and the re-gilding its pennant weathervane. Most recently, we restored the beautiful allée with Princeton Elm trees, hidden irrigation systems, accessible walkways and a permeable structure under the surface to enable safe parking.

Over this same period, the GMF has hosted over 250 events for the greater Cape Ann community. They ranged from symposia focusing on the state of democracy, housing, gun violence, climate change and the Cape Ann medical system, to our annual MLK Day celebrations and a broad range of fine musical events. We also created Music on Meetinghouse Green, a free summer concert series that benefits our Cape Ann non-profit partners through audience free will donations and featuring local musicians.

A generous donor said he gives because we "do a lot with a little."

While that is true, it is increasingly clear that our little band of volunteers can no longer keep going at this pace. To remain a strong organization the GMF needs an energetic professional staff. This will relieve the pressure on our President and Board so they can focus on restoration planning, financial development and new program creation. The search for a skilled Operations Manager is in-process.

We now turn to you, our strongest supporters. The backside of this letter provides information on ways you can contribute as a Sponsor to the 2026-27 Series and as Donor to the Annual Fund, combined into a single request for the first time this year. If you love our programs and want to see the Meetinghouse fully restored, please be as generous as possible.

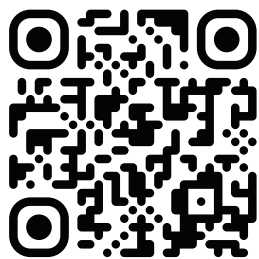
From the GMF Board, profound thanks for your support,

Charles L. Nazarian, President
Gloucester Meetinghouse Foundation

P.S. Please take a moment to fill out the enclosed return envelope for a new or renewing Annual Membership and consider joining us as a Sponsor of our 2026-27 Event Series. Or simply visit us at www.gloucestermeetinghouse.org

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on our mission
and ways you can
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Our Event Series Fund

Your Sponsorship at any level makes our programs possible.

Your Sponsorship of our Meetinghouse Concert & Lecture Series will enable us to attract and properly compensate outstanding speakers and performers. If you love what we do, please give as generously as you can to encourage the GMF to sustain the momentum generated over the past ten years.

SERIES SPONSORSHIP LEVELS 2026-27

Palladium	\$ 4,000 and above
Platinum	\$ 2,000 to \$ 3,999
Gold	\$ 1,000 to \$ 1,999
Silver	\$ 500 to \$ 999
Bronze	\$ 250 to \$ 499

SEASON PREVIEW, 2026/27

NOVEMBER 21
‘The Eleventh Year’ with the
Psychedelic Cinema Orchestra

DECEMBER 6
Celtic Christmas Concert by
Dashing Rock Trio

JANUARY 2
Cape Ann Big Band New Years Concert

JANUARY 18
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day,
Annual Commemoration

FEBRUARY 14
Valentine’s Day Concert
By Three Gloucester Beatles

MARCH 20
Bach Birthday Celebration,
Annual Concert

APRIL 17
‘Eyes In The Skies’: James Webb Space Telescope
Images With Peter Krasinski, Organist

MAY 2
Symposium, ‘When Is It Genocide?’

JUNE 12
Pride Month Celebration Concert

The Meetinghouse:
a centerpiece of the
Cape Ann community
since 1806.

Two hundred and twenty years in,
and the story continues. Help us write it —
and keep the Meetinghouse as
an important cultural hub for Cape Ann.

Our Annual Fund

Think about the important place this Meetinghouse holds in the history and fabric of Gloucester and what a gift to posterity its complete restoration would mean. Our Annual Fund provides the resources we need to keep the GMF running and focused on its mission. This year, donations to this Fund are particularly important as we hire a team of inspired professional staff.

ANNUAL FUND MEMBERSHIP LEVELS 2027

Benefactor	\$10,000 and above
Sustainer	\$ 5,000 to \$ 9,999
Builder	\$ 1,000 to \$ 4,999
Contributor	\$ 500 to \$ 999
Supporter	\$ 100 to \$ 499
Member	\$ 50 to \$ 99