Dear OLLI Members:

Many of you are already aware of the many changes OLLI has been through over the past year.

Enrollment at UC Blue Ash caused a classroom shortage there for fall 2014 and into the foreseeable future. The substitute location at Carver Woods had insufficient parking and resulted in OLLI’s relocating most classes to Adath Israel in Amberley for winter and spring. **For the entire upcoming 2015–16 school year, we will continue to hold classes at Adath Israel and main campus** (as well as our partner locations including Sycamore Senior Center, Llanfair Retirement Community, and Spring Grove Cemetery).

Along with changes in location have come increases in OLLI’s expenses. Rent at Adath Israel has increased along with our usage, and we pay someone to manage the location. One-time moving expenses, including the purchase of additional A/V carts and furnishings, were covered by generous donations to Friends of Olli.

However, the increased expenses for rent and wages are part of OLLI’s ongoing annual budget. To meet those expenses, the Board of Trustees made a variety of judicious cuts to the budget where they could do so without compromising the quality of the program. A little over a quarter of OLLI’s revenue comes from the Osher Endowment, which has strict limits imposed by the Osher Foundation on how much can be spent each year. The rest must come from fees.

After much study, including a look at how other OLLIs charge as well as enrollment patterns, the Board has endorsed the following pricing structure, which goes into effect in fall 2015:

- **Quarterly Membership:** $80 (a decrease of $5)
- **Annual Membership:** $225 (an increase of $20, but an annual savings of $15)
- **Per course fee for multi-week courses:** $5
- **One-time programs (Wednesday WOWs, FAB Fridays, Brown Bag Lunches, OLLI Samplers, Spring Grove tours):** $0
- **Extra Treats (field trips):** priced to cover program costs, as before
- **Scholarship recipients, moderators of multi-week courses, and McMicken Society donors will continue to receive free membership but will pay $5 for each multi-week course**

When these numbers are applied to actual enrollment for a recent quarter (NOT including Extra Treat charges), we find that 11% will pay less ($80), 23% will pay the same ($85), 56% will pay $90–$100, and only 10% will pay more than $105 (with the highest being $135).

We anticipate that this structure will (1) more fairly distribute the cost of the program so that those who enroll in more courses pay more, (2) raise sufficient additional income to cover expenses, and (3) encourage members to enroll only in the courses they intend to attend.

We are grateful for your patience and understanding as the OLLI Board and staff, working closely with officials from the University of Cincinnati, continue to seek a long-term solution to our classroom needs while responsibly stewarding the organization into the future. We promise to keep you informed as we move forward.

Sincerely,

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Chair, OLLI Board of Trustees

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