

## Someone is phishing for our Membership Directory! Be alert!

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Betsy Dalton received the following email from someone posing as our president, Nancy Richman.

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Hello Elizabeth,

I trust this email finds you well.

I am reaching out to kindly request your assistance in sending me a digital or PDF copy of the current UUCSC members directory. I rely on this directory for important contact information and updates, but unfortunately, I seem to have misplaced mine and have been unable to locate it in my folder.

I would greatly appreciate your prompt response to this request. Thank you in advance for your help.

Sincerely,

Nancy Richman

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### **Betsy spotted the red flags immediately:**

- First of all the perpetrator addressed her as Elizabeth, not Betsy.
- Unusual formal tone - not typical of Nancy
- The directory is digital, Nancy would not misplace it
- She signed her full name

When Betsy looked up in the FROM spot at the email address from Nancy, she discovered this and instantly knew it was a phishing email. <[deaconcharles.stlaurence@gmail.com](mailto:deaconcharles.stlaurence@gmail.com)>

Note that in a previous similar message addressed to me, the excuse was Nancy had lost her credentials to access it. The message might change again. Beware!

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### **What should you do?**

Don't panic! Close the email and drag it into the SPAM folder, which will also block the sender.

Carry on. You have not been hacked or violated in any way. No need to worry.