

Your Annual Stewardship Pledge - What is Right?

Some religious faiths require a tithe - giving 10% of one's income to the church. Some faiths tell members what they are to pay, essentially billing the member. This isn't us. Here each congregant determines what is right for them. A combination of their ability to give, what the congregation means to them, and probably many other things.

UUCC is a covenantal congregation. We work together, we trust each other to do what is best for our congregation, within our means. UU Congregations have Congregational Polity - meaning we make our own decisions and we fully fund our own congregation. No higher organization tells us what to do, nor funds our congregation.

Our annual Stewardship Campaign raises funds for annual operating expenses - staff salaries, programming, utilities... This is what keeps UUCC running. Stewardship asks for commitments (pledges) to the congregation for the upcoming financial year - from July 1, 2026 thru June 30, 2027.

Every pledge matters, regardless of the amount. Our average cost per adult is about \$2,300/year. But we are all in a different place - reflect on the blessings of your life and what UUCC means to you. Consider an amount that is both responsible and significant based on your individual financial situation.

It might be helpful to consider this question: Does our giving reflect our standard of living? One way to ensure that is always true is to give a percentage of your income. To calculate your pledge, the following Giving Calculation chart may help:

Annual Income	Level 1 2%-4%	Level 2 5%-7%	Level 3 8%-10%
\$25,000	\$500	\$1,250	\$2,000
\$50,000	\$1,125	\$2,750	\$4,250
\$100,000	\$3,000	\$6,000	\$9,000
\$150,000	\$5,250	\$9,750	\$14,250
\$250,000	\$10,000	\$17,500	\$25,000

Many have found it helpful to look at their pledge as a Weekly or Monthly amount, rather than the Annual amount. This Giving Matrix helps think about your pledge in chunks you are accustomed to when budgeting your spending.

Annual Pledge	Semi-Annual	Qtrly	Monthly	Weekly
\$25,000	\$12,500	\$6,250	\$2,083	\$481
\$17,500	\$8,750	\$4,375	\$1,458	\$337
\$14,250	\$7,125	\$3,563	\$1,188	\$274
\$10,000	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$833	\$192
\$6,000	\$3,000	\$1,500	\$500	\$115
\$4,250	\$2,125	\$1,063	\$354	\$82
\$2,200	\$1,100	\$550	\$183	\$42
\$1,200	\$600	\$300	\$100	\$23
\$500	\$250	\$125	\$42	\$10



You decide what is right for you and your family.