



Five to thrive!

Last year UUCMP's Pledge Drive Goal was "Strive for Five!" in reference to one-half of 10%, an age-old number called a "tithe" in many faiths. This approach was a delightful success towards creating a *thriving* future of financial stability for our church ministries.

Why 5%?



UUCMP does not ask for a "tithe." We suggest that you plan to donate 10% to *all* charities of your choice, including the church, and to commit *half* of your total gifts to our wonderful community.

This dynamic approach to thinking about our financial relationship with our congregation helps us see *giving* as a religious value and as an opportunity for spiritual growth.

It's based on the principle that if we share what we have, we will have what we need. We already have great abundance and generosity within us!

Thank You!



When should I do this?



As soon as you are able.

Not all of us can donate 5% today. If you have not reached that level yet, we ask that you work toward this goal over the next several years.

It will take courage, but this is a BOLD change that supports UUCMP's new vision of the future.

Calculating Your 5% Commitment

1. Determine your annual gross household income.
2. Move the decimal to the left one place.
3. Divide that number by 2.

Example:

1. Income = \$42,000
2. \$4,200
3. Divide \$4,200 by 2 -- &

Annual commitment = \$2,100 or \$175 per month.

What is a Pledge?



A pledge is your commitment to UUCMP of the amount you will contribute during our 2018-2019 fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2018.

When do I pay my pledge?

Any time before the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2019. Some pay monthly, some all at once; you can choose your schedule. Early and steady payments are best.

How do I pay my pledge?

You can drop off or mail a check to the church office, or you can put a check marked "pledge" in the offering basket on Sunday. Some people include a payment when they return their pledge cards.

Can I pay my pledge with a stock donation?

Yes. Call the office or email admin@uucmp.org for assistance. If your stock has appreciated since you acquired it, you may get the double benefit of no capital gains tax plus a charitable deduction on the full value. And those over age 70-1/2 may make gifts from retirement accounts, too.



Why pledge?



- ✓ Because we love this place.
- ✓ Because our fellowship at UUCMP makes our lives better.
- ✓ Because our community offers a place to sing, weep, be still, debate, think, come as we are, and work for a better world.
- ✓ Because UUCMP helps us welcome our children into the world and tend their spiritual growth.
- ✓ Because our community sustains us when we can't find a job or lose a spouse or a parent.
- ✓ Because giving is an act that deepens our commitment to each other.
- ✓ Because our community thrives when members and friends promise their time, talents, and financial support



Whether you already give, decide to give for the first time, or begin the process of moving toward a higher category of giving over the next few years, we encourage everyone to give *courageously*.

Your pledge does not just support our budget and financial stability; it is a moral commitment to our leaders and community. We celebrate everyone's giving!



Member Karen Brown explains how she decides on her pledge --

"I am cheap! And proud of it. Yet, I also appreciate this church, and I want to do my part to support it. Here's what happens when I look at making a pledge.

"First I look at the concrete benefits of my church membership (such as good weekly lectures, concerts, childcare, films, book groups, *UU World* magazine, facility use, counseling). It's only right that I should pay for those....

"Then I look at the way this church fulfills my goals of making an impact on our community and how much that is worth to me. I am especially happy to help provide:

- OWL and other religious exploration.
- A refuge or place of acceptance for LGBTQ people, especially teens.
- My ministers or fellow congregants participating in all the peace and justice events I can't get to.

"Then I take a look at the *UU World* magazine and add in something for what we do around the nation and the world.

"It is only after the first steps that I begin to think about a gift. I imagine giving a gift to each member of this congregation. Even a small gift multiplied by over 200 people is a lot for a cheapskate. And finally, I make a gift to the future.

"When all is added up, my pledge isn't so cheap after all. But I've thought it through, so it feels right, and it feels good."

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