



Why pledge?

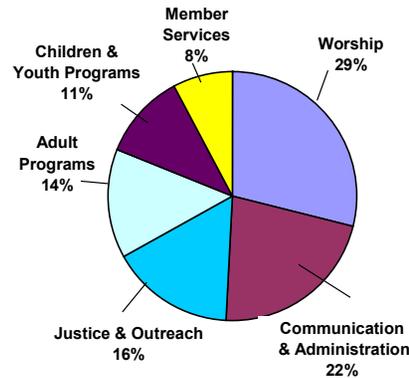
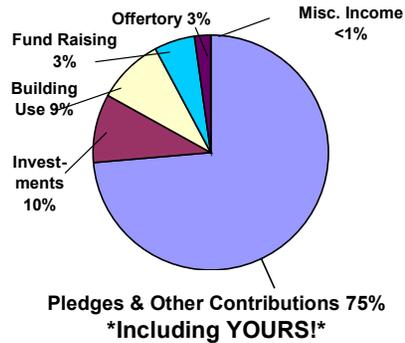
- ✓ Because our fellowship at UUCMP makes our lives better.
- ✓ Because our community offers a place to sing, weep, be still, debate, think, come as we are.
- ✓ Because UUCMP helps us welcome our children into the world and tend their spiritual growth.
- ✓ Because giving is an act that deepens our commitment to each other.
- ✓ Because our community thrives when members and friends promise their time, talents, and financial support
- ✓ Because of the concrete benefits of church membership (such as good weekly lectures, concerts, childcare, films, book groups, *UU World* magazine, facility use, counseling). It's only right that we should pay for those.
- ✓ Because this church fulfills our goals of making an impact on our community and how much that is worth to us:
 - OWL and other religious exploration.
 - A refuge or place of acceptance for LGBTQI people, especially teens.
 - Our ministers and fellow congregants participating in peace and justice events we can't get to.
- ✓ Because we love this place.



Now – Something about the Money.....



Where our money comes from ...



*All categories include related salaries

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 *meaningfully*.

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



UUCMP 2019-2020 Operating Fund Pledge Drive

Unitarian Universalist Church
of the Monterey Peninsula

490 Aguajito Road
Carmel, CA 93923

831-624-7404





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!

UUCMP has provided me with an open, supportive community where I could safely explore, test, and develop new and better ways of doing things. So, when it comes to deciding a meaningful contribution to the church, we try to find that amount that's large enough to cause pain but not large enough to lose sleep.

UUCMP member Bob Sadler



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 2019-2020 fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2019.

When do I pay my pledge?

Any time before the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2020. 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.

