



All We Need Is Love

We gather together as a community of memory and hope to celebrate life and its infinite possibilities for love.

We light our chalice each Sunday with these words. We live with the principle that if we share what we have, we will have what we need. We care for all those in our community. And we rejoice that we have great abundance and generosity within us.

We show our love by celebrating our community!

We show our love by our support of others

Thank You!

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- We show our love of this place by volunteering and serving, and by carrying out routine tasks critical for smooth, regular operations and activities.
- We show our love of our church and share our financial support of church programs. We donate as we are able, giving “until it feels right and good” with 5% of income as goal.



We recognize that a church, like a family, must have a stable base of support for security. So, most of us **pledge** each year. Our pledges and gifts make up over 75% of UUCMP's income. Pledges allow the Board to make practical plans for the next fiscal year, and to approve a realistic budget to pay for these plans.

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!

What is a Pledge?

A pledge is your commitment to UUCMP of the amount you will contribute during our 2023-24 fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2023.

When do I pay my pledge?

Any time before the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2024. 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 mail a check to the church office, or you can submit your pledge on the church website by clicking on the “donate” button. Some people include a payment when they return their pledge cards.

Can I pay my pledge with a stock donation?

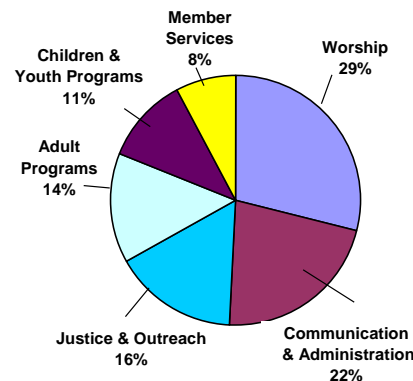
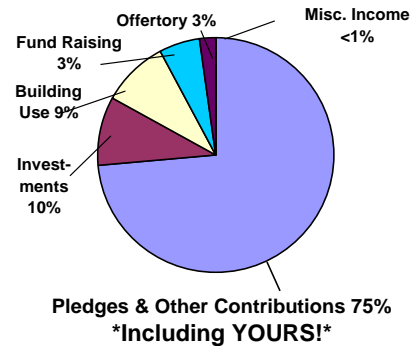
Yes. Call the office or email admin@uucmp.org for assistance. If your stock has appreciated since you acquired it, you may get the double benefit of no capital gains tax plus a charitable deduction on the full value. And those over age 70-1/2 may make gifts from retirement accounts, too, avoiding taxes.

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 through OWL and other religious explorations.
- ✓ 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 thought-provoking services, lectures, concerts, childcare, films, book groups, *UU World* magazine, facility use, counseling, loving support).
- ✓ Because this church fulfills our goals of making an impact on our community and how much that is worth to us:
 - Providing a refuge or place of acceptance for LGBTQI people, especially teens.
 - Participating with like-minded community organizations in peace and justice activities.
 - Offering the chance to provide financial support for select charitable agencies through our Partner-of-the-Month program.
- ✓ Because we love this place.

Some information about the money . . .

Where our money comes from . . .



And where it goes*...

*All categories include related salaries

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.



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