

"GIVING WITH GRATITUDE"

This year we are asking members and friends to pledge based on the Suggested Fair Share Contribution Guide. Our goal is to increase pledges to meet one of the four Fair Share levels. Our hope is that you will agree to the importance of supporting our mission and in becoming a brighter beacon of liberal religion in the Greensboro area. We appreciate you!

There are several ways you can make your pledge.

- You can fill out the form below and:
 - mail it to the church, or
 - place it in the offering plate on Sunday morning
- You can phone the church (336-856-0330) and tell Julie your pledge
- You can e-mail Julie (uucgchurch@att.net), our administrator, with your pledge

In order to help us plan our budget, please submit your pledge no later than March 17, 2019.

Connect in spirituality and service ** **Care** for each other and the world **Create loving **Community**



I, _____, am pledging to increase my pledge amount to:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Supporter – Monthly Pledge is: _____ | Total 2019 Pledge is: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainer -- Monthly Pledge is: _____ | Total 2019 Pledge is: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visionary -- Monthly Pledge is: _____ | Total 2019 Pledge is: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transformer -- Monthly Pledge is: _____ | Total 2019 Pledge is: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Amount -- Monthly Pledge is: _____ | Total 2019 Pledge is: _____ |

... for the church year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

Payments will be made: Weekly__ Monthly__ Quarterly__ Annually__ (check one)

Signature(s) _____

The Suggested Fair-Share Contribution Guide

Using the Guide is a simple, 3-step process; giving is a function of commitment and resources.

1. Most of us budget our financial commitments on a monthly basis and the guide is organized accordingly, but you may calculate on any time frame that works for you. For convenience, the guide shows monthly and corresponding annual income levels. Determine your monthly income or resource level. \$ _____

2. ADD to your income level any unusual or periodic income, such as inheritances, business income, anticipated investment income, etc. SUBTRACT any unusual expenses, such as large medical expenses, care of a parent, or a large financial expense, etc. Result: \$ _____ **This is your Adjusted Monthly Income.**

Each of us will have our own unique circumstances to consider in making this calculation. The flexibility to include meaningful and unusual exceptions in your financial life (income and expenses) is what makes the Guide fair and useful. This is a tool for you to use in the spirit of the Congregationalist tradition; we are individually and collectively responsible for resourcing our movement and our congregations. This is an honor system; only you know your circumstances.

3. From the Adjusted Monthly Income column, move to the right to find a suggested giving level that you are ready to support, between 2% and 10%, depending on adjusted income and level of commitment. Interpolate between guide levels if needed.

In making your decision, consider the four commitment levels below and how they relate to your membership. Consider your UU values in thinking about your income and your financial commitment to the congregation, as expressed in the four levels below. Note that within each commitment level, **the guide is progressive, with giving levels rising with capacity.**

- **Supporter:** The congregation is a significant part of my spiritual and intellectual life that I want to support. My fair share financial commitment starts at 2% of my income and rises to 6% as my income and capacity rise.

- **Sustainer:** The congregation is my central community; I am committed to sustaining the programs and ministries of my congregation. My fair share financial commitment starts at 3% of my income and rises to 7% as my income and capacity rise.

- **Visionary:** My commitment is a clear demonstration of the unique importance of this congregation and of my spiritual principles. My fair share financial commitment starts at 5% of my income and rises to 9% as my income and capacity rise.

- **Transformer:** I am deeply committed to the congregation; my contribution provides fuel for transformation and is part of my spiritual practices in living out my UU Principles. My fair share financial commitment represents 10% of my income.

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Adjusted Monthly Income	Approx. Adjusted Annual Income	Supporter 2-6% of Income		Sustainer 3-7% of Income		Visionary 5-9% of Income		Transformer 10% of Income	
		Suggested % of Income	Monthly Pledge	Suggested % of Income	Monthly Pledge	Suggested % of Income	Monthly Pledge	Suggested % of Income	Monthly Pledge
\$1,000	\$12,000	2%	\$20	3%	\$30	5%	\$50	10%	\$100
\$1,500	\$18,000	2%	\$30	3%	\$45	5%	\$75	10%	\$150
\$2,000	\$25,000	2%	\$40	3%	\$60	5%	\$100	10%	\$200
\$3,000	\$36,000	2%	\$60	3%	\$90	5%	\$150	10%	\$300
\$4,000	\$50,000	3%	\$120	4%	\$160	5%	\$200	10%	\$400
\$6,500	\$80,000	3%	\$195	4%	\$260	6%	\$390	10%	\$650
\$8,500	\$100,000	3%	\$255	5%	\$425	6%	\$510	10%	\$850
\$10,000	\$120,000	3%	\$300	5%	\$500	6%	\$600	10%	\$1,000
\$12,500	\$150,000	4%	\$500	5%	\$625	6%	\$750	10%	\$1,250
\$17,000	\$200,000	4%	\$680	6%	\$1,020	7%	\$1,190	10%	\$1,700
\$25,000	\$300,000	5%	\$1,250	6%	\$1,500	8%	\$2,000	10%	\$2,500
\$40,000	\$500,000	6%	\$2,400	7%	\$2,800	9%	\$3,500	10%	\$4,000

Wherever you find the right level, revisit it periodically and reassess whether it's still the right level for you or if you are ready to move to a deeper level of support.