

Not sure how much to pledge?

Many religious traditions use the concept of tithing: giving ten percent of your income to your religious community. We complicate this slightly because, well, life is complicated.

- Take your post-tax income including investments, etc.
- Subtract medical/student/credit card debt, expenses related to care of a parent or adult child.
- Aim to give 10% of it away.
- Give half of that to keep your church strong, half of it to other causes and people.

For many people, this is aspirational, something to work towards. We ask that people give 2-10% to church, but the church shouldn't take food off your table. 5% helps us to more than 2% but 2% is better than 1% and 1% is better than less than that. Something is better than nothing. We know there are people at all income levels who give various amounts to their church, and each of these contributions matters in our collective effort to use our money to live out our mission and values. The value of what you give is best determined by your capacity and the role that church plays in your life.

Members are required to pledge, but there is no set amount. If \$5/month or \$5/year is what you can give, then please do so proudly. We are honored by your gift. Waivers for pledging are available if you are unable to give or your financial situation changes unexpectedly, just contact Rev. Margalie or Rev. Shari at caring@rochesterunitarian.org. No proof needed or guilt doled out for waivers.

2021-22 Annual Stewardship Campaign - How to Pledge

This giving season, we want to make this as easy as possible. To make your 2021-2022 pledge, you can use any of the following options:

- Email giving@rochesterunitarian.org your pledge amount and how often you'd like to make payments
- Call or text 585-969-6181** and leave your name, annual pledge amount and how often you'd like to make payments or leave your phone number and request a call back to set up your pledge
- Enter your pledge online at ucor.simplechurchcrm.com and login with firstname.lastname and enter password or click "Forgot Password" to get a new one
- Fill out the pledge form below and mail it back to us at First Unitarian Church, 220 Winton Road South, Rochester, NY 14610

Name: _____

Envelope No (optional): _____

Annual Pledge Amount: _____

Payment Frequency (check one): ___ Monthly ___ Quarterly ___ Annually

Payment Method (check one): ___ Check ___ Credit Card ___ Automatic Bank Withdrawal

One-Time Building For Our Future Pledge Amount (optional): _____

We are grateful for your support!