



Greetings from the Stewardship Pledge Team!

It is with gratitude; we honor your care for the chalice and commitment to sustaining UUCLV! In uncertain times, it's more important than ever to have a spiritual home that helps bind us to one another and to our community. As a fellowship led by its own members, each of us has a hand in the keeping of the whole, and we must rely upon one another as we stand watch together. We are glad for your presence in the UUCLV community.

Our 2026 pledge drive runs from March 29 - May 8, 2026, and allows members, friends and supporters to commit to funding congregational operations for the 2026-27 fiscal year (beginning July 1, 2026). Your pledge will help the Board and congregation determine our budget priorities. We'll gather the pledges and present a budget to the congregation for a vote at the Annual Meeting on May 17, 2026.

Over the past year, your faithful stewardship has brought visible and meaningful improvements to our shared home. The installation of a new fence has greatly improved the condition and care of the back lot, helping us better protect and define our space. In addition, the parking lot has been resurfaced and freshly painted, making our grounds safer, more welcoming, and more accessible for all who gather here. These tangible upgrades reflect the care of devoted guardians tending the keep—protecting the physical foundation that allows our ministry, worship, and community life to thrive. Your ideas and insights continue to be welcome as we shape next year's budget together. This is your congregation, your quest, and your budget.

To sustain a fellowship of about one hundred souls requires giving made with care and intention. Such offering is more than a simple gift; it may serve as a spiritual practice, taken up as part of our shared guardianship. Thou may wonder, "*What offering is right for me?*" Each household walks its own path, with differing means and measures of abundance.

The enclosed **UUA Fair Share Contribution chart** is offered as a guide as you determine your pledge.

Please complete the enclosed scroll or pledge through our website to make your commitment. As the pledge of each faithful guardian is received, we invite you to help bring our shared symbol to life. In the Social Hall, the chalice flame chart will grow brighter and taller as each pledge is made! A flame will be applied for each pledge, visually marking our progress on this year's quest. Together, flame by flame, we will see how our individual acts of stewardship combine to safeguard the light of our faith and sustain UUCLV for the year ahead. If you would like to have a personal conversation about pledging, please email Donna Mead(sanctuaryofsolace@UUCLV.org). A pledge volunteer may also reach out to you later if we haven't heard from you.

It is through kinship and steady care, that we shall keep the chalice safe and the flame enduring. Preserving a faithful home for ourselves and for future UUs within the Realm. This quest we share together – may we be victorious!

Your Stewardship Lead,
Donna Mead



**Unitarian Universalist Association
Congregation Fundraising Services**

The Unitarian Universalist Association has developed a fair-share giving guide that suggests a minimum financial commitment of 2 percent of income for congregants earning up to \$10,000. At the other end of the spectrum, the guide suggests a full tithe of 10 percent of income, regardless of a congregant's income level.

Suggested Fair-Share Giving Guide

Adjusted Annual Income	Supporter The churches a significant part of my life and promotes my spiritual growth			Sustainer The church is central to my identity, and I am committed to sustaining our programs.			Visionary I am committed to both the present and future growth of my church			Full Tithe I designate 10% of my income to the church as a way to live out my spiritual principles		
	Suggested	Monthly	Annual	Suggested	Monthly	Annual	Suggested	Monthly	Annual	Suggested	Monthly	Annual
	% of Income	Payment	Payment	% of Income	Payment	Payment	% of Income	Payment	Payment	% of Income	Payment	Payment
\$10,000	2%	\$16	\$200	3%	\$25	\$300	5%	\$42	\$500	10%	\$83	\$1,000
\$25,000	2%	\$42	\$500	3%	\$63	\$750	5%	\$104	\$1,250	10%	\$208	\$2,500
\$50,000	3%	\$125	\$1,500	4%	\$167	\$2,000	5%	\$208	\$2,500	10%	\$417	\$5,000
\$75,000	3%	\$188	\$2,250	4.5%	\$281	\$3,375	6%	\$375	\$4,500	10%	\$625	\$7,500
\$100,000	3.5%	\$292	\$3,500	5%	\$417	\$5,000	6.5%	\$542	\$6,500	10%	\$833	\$10,000
\$150,000	3.5%	\$438	\$5,250	5%	\$625	\$7,500	6.5%	\$813	\$9,750	10%	\$1,250	\$15,000
\$200,000	4%	\$667	\$8,000	5.5%	\$917	\$11,000	7%	\$1,167	\$14,000	10%	\$1,667	\$20,000

Annually in the spring, all members and friends of the church are asked to make a written pledge of support to maintain the church for the fiscal year that begins July 1st of the pledge year and ends on the following June 30th. There are general suggestions regarding the amount of the pledge, but pledging is an individual decision based on one's circumstances and inclination.