

2014-2015 PLEDGE

Unitarian Universalist Church of Nashua

58 Lowell Street • Nashua, NH 03064

Pledge Total for 2014-15 \$ _____

Payment Frequency (Select one.)

12 monthly payments 4 quarterly payments Payment in full
(Jun, Sep, Dec, Mar.)

Payment Method (Select one.)

Cash or check enclosed.

Stock transfer. *(We'll contact you at the number below for details.)*

Debit my bank account. *(Recurring debits are on the 20th of each month.)*

_____ Routing number

_____ Account number

Continue to debit my bank account. *(For those who set this up in past years.)*

Please make me a **Sustaining Member** and automatically renew my pledge each year with a _____ % increase. I understand I can cancel at any time.

Charge my credit card. Mastercard Visa Other _____

_____ Card number

_____ Expires

Other _____

Signature

Name(s)

Address

Town

State

Zip

Phone

Email

Please contact me about **Planned Giving** to the church in my estate plan.

Thank you for your tax-deductible contribution.

If necessary, pledges may be canceled, modified, or refunded at any time by contacting the church.

COMMON QUESTIONS

What is a pledge? A pledge is your statement of how much money you will be able to give to help fund the church's mission during the coming year.

Is giving a responsibility of membership? We ask that you accept financial responsibility for keeping our church in sound fiscal shape. A member can vote only if s/he is 18 years or older, has been a member for at least three months, and has made a pledge and a financial contribution to our church's operating budget within the past two years.

How much should I give? As a starting point, please consider the Giving Guidelines on the reverse. The amount you pledge is a personal decision based on your situation. Of course we hope you will be as generous as you can, but the church community is grateful for every pledge. In any case, if circumstances change for you, your pledge can change too.

How do the Guidelines work? Thinking of your gift as a percentage of your annual income works for many people. If you feel that you would like to contribute at the suggested Guideline level, but are unable to do so now, you could consider moving up gradually to that level over several years.

I put money in the basket at Sunday Services. Why should I pledge?

The Outreach Collection on Sunday morning is a vital part of our church's mission, but the entire collection each week is donated to an outside group doing valuable work in the community or our denomination. Pledges, on the other hand, are the way we support our programs and the operating expenses of the church.

What is the best way to pay my pledge? We recommend an automatic monthly donation through a bank draft or credit card. Bank drafts are best since they save the church credit card processing fees. The church will withdraw your pledge payments according to the schedule you specify. Arrangements for credit card payments can be made on the pledge form enclosed. Finally, your pledge can also be paid by check or stock transfer.

What about the endowment? The Congregation made a conscious decision several years ago to preserve and grow the endowment for future generations. Prudent withdrawals from the endowment income help support our budget every year, but annual pledges from members and friends make up more than half of the church's operating fund. Indeed, the UUA considers budgets supported 80% or more by pledges as one indicator of a congregation's health.

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UUA Suggested Fair-Share Giving Guide

Adjusted Annual Income	Supporter The church is 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 Tithes I designate 10% of my income to the church as a way to live out my spiritual principles		
	Suggested % of Income	Monthly Payment	Annual Payment	Suggested % of Income	Monthly Payment	Annual Payment	Suggested % of Income	Monthly Payment	Annual Payment	Suggested % of Income	Monthly Payment	Annual 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
\$300,000	5%	\$1,250	\$15,000	6%	\$1,500	\$18,000	8%	\$2,000	\$24,000	10%	\$2,500	\$30,000
\$400,000	6%	\$2,000	\$24,000	7%	\$2,333	\$28,000	8.5%	\$2,833	\$34,000	10%	\$3,333	\$40,000
\$500,000	7%	\$2,917	\$35,000	8%	\$3,333	\$40,000	9%	\$3,750	\$45,000	10%	\$4,167	\$50,000

We understand that every situation is different. The following worksheet may help you determine your “Fair Share” Adjusted Income for use with the table on the left.

Determining Your Income

Adjusted Gross Income
(from IRS form 1040)

Add:

Tax-exempt pensions and annuities

Tax-free income

Depreciation on rental property

Other income

Total Additions

Deduct:

Major medical expenses (non-reimbursed)

Care of parent(s)

Costs of child care

Costs of higher education

Other non-discretionary expenses

Total Deductions

Fair-Share Adjusted Income

(to determine financial commitment)

This guide along with an explanation is available at www.uua.org search “Fair Share Giving Guide” in the Google search box.