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## Annual Pledge Commitment for Fiscal Year: 7/1/24 through 6/30/25

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/email \_\_\_\_\_

My/our annual financial commitment will be fulfilled using the following schedule:

On (day) \_\_\_\_\_ I will pay lump sum amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**OR** (circle one) Weekly, Monthly, Quarterly, Semi-annual contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ totaling \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**My TOTAL Annual Contribution \$** \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment Method:

I/we would like to make payments through:

- a. Check \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Automatic bank payment-bank account information \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Credit card: Visa, Master Card, or Discover (circle one)

Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I prefer to give my/our financial account, stock donation or other payment information directly to church bookkeeper Lori Smigielski ([bookkeeper@uutoledo.org](mailto:bookkeeper@uutoledo.org))

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for supporting our mission: Fostering spiritual growth & compassionate action.**

**REVISED 2024!** Cost of living adjustments: please consider increasing your pledge a small amount each year to account for inflation. This helps keep our purchasing power strong. We suggest a 2%-5% increase. That is:

If your prior year pledge is:	The suggested increase is:	For a new annual pledge amount of:
\$100	\$2 - \$5	\$102 - \$105
\$600	\$12 - \$30	\$612 - \$630
\$1,200	\$24 - \$60	\$1,224 - \$1,260
\$3,000	\$60 - \$150	\$3,060 - \$3,150
\$5,000	\$100 - \$250	\$5,100 - \$5,250

**Pledges made by June 30, 2024, should be paid between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025. Thank you!**

### **WAYS TO PAY YOUR PLEDGE:**

For a monetary gift to be considered a pledge payment there must be a current signed pledge form on file with the bookkeeper. Money donated without a current pledge form on file will be recorded as an unspecified donation and will not be considered a pledge fulfillment.

1. Set up an automatic monthly payment with your bank to First Unitarian Church of Toledo as if it were a regular bill. Use the church address and in the memo line make sure it says "Pledge 2024-2025." The bank will send the church a check at whatever frequency you choose, though monthly is preferred.
2. Use VANCO to pay automatically with a credit or debit card. Just choose the date and amount! You can change your preferences at any time. You must still turn in a signed pledge form.
3. Make a gift of stock. If you want to use this option please e-mail our bookkeeper Lori Smigielski at [bookkeeper@uutoledo.org](mailto:bookkeeper@uutoledo.org).
4. If you're already using the required minimum distribution (RMD) from your IRA retirement account, you can use that same account to pay your pledge and it will count towards your RMD. This may reduce your tax burden.\*

### **REVISED 2024 - PLEASE CHECK CAREFULLY! HOW MUCH SHOULD I GIVE?**

Your annual contribution is a personal decision to be made after reflecting on the significance of First Unitarian Church of Toledo in your life and your financial abilities. **This is our congregation and our UU movement – this is what we make it, this accomplishes what we resource it to do.** Some people may find it necessary to first make a commitment to move toward their suggested financial Fair Share goal over time. It might be a three-year process or even a five-year process for some of us, but we can start the journey today.

We offer this adaptation of the Fair Share Giving Guide as a reference:

<b>Adjusted MONTHLY Income</b>	<b>Fair Share (% of income)</b>	<b>Suggested MONTHLY Pledge</b>
\$1,000 - \$1,999	2% TO 5%	\$20 - \$100
\$2,000 - \$3,999	2% TO 5%	\$40 - \$150
\$4,000 - \$6,499	3% TO 6%	\$120 - \$200
\$6,500 - \$12,499	3% TO 6%	\$195 - \$600
\$12,500 - \$16,999	4% TO 6%	\$500 - \$750
\$17,000 - \$24,999	4% TO 7%	\$680 - \$2,000
\$25,000+	5% TO 9%	\$1,250+

(Adapted from [Stewardship for Us suggested Fair Share Giving Guide](#) which includes detailed recommendations)

Contact our church bookkeeper, Lori Smigielski ([bookkeeper@uutoledo.org](mailto:bookkeeper@uutoledo.org)) at any time, should your financial situation change and you wish to revise your financial commitment.

\*Donations via RMD may be pre-tax. Consult your tax advisor for information specific to your situation.

***\*\*Please use the space below if you would like to make a comment or suggestion\*\****