## **Centered in Love!**



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#### Annual Pledge Commitment for Fiscal Year: 7/1/25 through 6/30/26

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Email \_\_\_\_\_

My/our annual financial commitment will be fulfilled in this way:

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

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

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

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#### **Payment Method**

I/we would like to make payments through:

a. Check \_\_\_\_\_

- b. Automatic bank payment \_\_\_\_\_ Bank routing and account numbers or other information:
- c. Credit or Debit card \_\_\_\_\_ (Circle one) Visa, MasterCard, or Discover Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. date \_\_\_/\_\_ CVV \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I prefer to give my/our financial account, stock donation, or other payment information directly to church bookkeeper (After turning in the form, contact Amalya Hartley at <u>bookkeeper@uutoledo.org</u> or by mail or phone)

Signature(s)

 Date
 Date

# Pledges are for the church year starting July 1, 2025, and should be turned in by March 16, 2025. Thank you!

Contact our church bookkeeper, Amalya Hartley, or treasurer, Geoff Slawson, at any time should your financial situation change and you wish to revise your financial commitment.

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

### TO HELP YOU DETERMINE HOW MUCH TO PLEDGE

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.

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

#### 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 2025–2026." 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 email our bookeeper, Amalya Hartley, at <a href="mailto:bookkeeper@uutoledo.org">bookkeeper@uutoledo.org</a>.

4. We can accept Qualified Charitable Distributions from anyone eligible (70 years old and up and with IRAs), and these can have tax advantages and can count toward RMDs. (Donations via RMD may be pre-tax. Consult your tax advisor for information specific to your situation.)

#### 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 support 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 guide as a reference:

Adjusted MONTHLY Income	Fair Share (% of income)	Suggested MONTHLY Pledge
\$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)