



September 18, 2025

Dear Unity Church Congregants,

How should we think about our financial contributions to Unity Church in 2026? Our new ends statements contain some provocative, even dangerous, words to guide our generosity. In small gatherings convened by the board, we examined our hearts, wrestled with the deepest questions of our time, and affirmed we are ready for challenging, deepening work together. What if we trusted that as we live into those words, we would find joy singing even amid heartbreak? Not fleeting happiness but deep and abiding joy, not found in things or circumstance, but in the best of who we are and who we yearn to become. What would it mean if we expected that joy and yoked ourselves to it?

This pledge drive, we invite you to *yoke to joy*. Consider how your financial commitment to the church can connect you—and yoke us all—to the joy of active stewardship. Notice how the generosity that propels our pursuit of the church's mission and ends opens us to the transformative grounding at the heart of true joy.

Even in these challenging times—climate change, social division, economic uncertainty—your pledge makes Unity a place of hope. Your support sustains our ministry and creates a welcoming home where life in all its diversity can flourish.

Turn this letter over to find some facts and questions to guide your generosity. You'll see that we're asking for both Operating and Sacred Space pledges and share information about these funds and how you might allocate your pledges between them. Please give as generously as you are able.

In the spirit of abundance, your Executive Team:

Rev. Dr. Oscar Sinclair, Senior Minister

Rev. KP Hong, Minister of Faith Formation

Laura Park, Executive Director

Determine Your Pledge to our 2026 Operating Fund and 2026 Sacred Space Fund

What's the difference between these funds?

- **Operating Fund:** Your Operating pledge supports every aspect of ongoing congregational life and is the most important pledge to sustain the church's ministry.
- **Sacred Space Fund** (formerly Capital Fund): If you can add to your generous operating pledge, please consider a Sacred Space pledge. Funds contributed here will pay the monthly debt service from the 2012 Unity Tomorrow building remodel and fund building enhancements and repairs, and technology needs.

How much should I pledge?

As you decide how much to pledge, consider:

- What is your relationship with the church? Are you just beginning your journey or are you ready to support the church at a visionary or transformational level?
- What's your financial situation? For households with greater financial capacity, 7-10% of your income may be appropriate. For those with less capacity, 2% can make a powerful impact.
- How much do we need to give together? We know we need to increase our pledge base to fully fund our operating budget and mission. You'll see on your pledge card suggestions for how you can meaningfully increase your pledge to help us meet that goal. For example, if you pledge \$2400 a year (\$100 a month, just over our average) you could just add \$25 a month resulting in a \$2700 pledge. That would help immensely.



Unity Church Ends Statements

We the people of Unity Church-Unitarian, grounded in a joyous vision of beloved community, within, among, and beyond ourselves,

- understand the interconnected roots of oppression and yoke ourselves to the demands, sacrifices, and hard work of antiracism, multiculturalism, and climate and economic justice;
- cultivate a multigenerational community of joy, care, and belonging, and evangelize love to meet the deep and abiding hunger in all of us;
- practice lifelong faith formation, grounded in Unitarian Universalist theology, that breaks us open and allows us to be transformed.