



## 3 WAYS TO CALCULATE YOUR UUCB PLEDGE

The proposed UUCB budget for 2015-16 is almost 6% greater than our current budget. We suggest several ways to determine your new pledge amount:

1. Increase your current pledge 6%.

2. Consider how Sylvia & Steve calculate their pledge amount:

“Over the years, we have pledged (and given) thousands of dollars to various churches and have never regretted a single donation.

- ✦ With our contribution, we want to feel in partnership with our church. We therefore make our pledge big enough so that we will notice paying it. We choose an amount we have to pay in installments. We feel that if we could write one check for the entire amount, our pledge would be too small.
- ✦ Our pledge needs to be the biggest charitable donation we give because the church occupies a larger place in our hearts, hopes, and dreams than other organizations to which we give.
- ✦ Our pledge, of course, needs to relate somehow to our income – our ability to give.
- ✦ Most important, our pledge needs to be a source of joy for us.

Using this rubric, we pledge 10% of Sylvia’s gross income. For convenience, we have our pledge automatically moved from our bank account to the church’s bank account on a monthly basis. (See the Church Office Administrator for details if you are interested in paying your pledge that way.)”

3. Raise your pledge by “jumping up” into a new category. Use the suggested Fair-Share Contribution Guide from the UUA below and on the back to calculate your new pledge:

### The Suggested Fair-Share Contribution Guide & Worksheet (from the UUA)

Using the Guide is a simple, 3-step process; Giving is a function of commitment & resources.

1. Determine your monthly income level. \$ \_\_\_\_\_
2. ADD to your income level any unusual or periodic income, such as inheritances, business income, anticipated investment income, etc.  
  
SUBTRACT any unusual expenses (i.e. medical expenses or other large expenses).  
Result: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **This is your Adjusted Monthly Income.**
3. Using the guide on the back, from the Adjusted Monthly or Annual Income column, move to the right to find a suggested giving level between 2% and 10%.

**Don't give until it hurts...Give until it feels great!**

*Context for the pledge drive, and/or if pledging is new to you: The amount we need to raise in pledges divided by the number of “pledging households” is approximately \$1,600 per household. While some cannot pledge that much, others can pledge more. We hope you’ll keep that in mind as you calculate your pledge for this upcoming church year!*



**2015-16 UUCB PLEDGE DRIVE**

## The Suggested Fair Share Contribution Guide (from the UUA)

		2-6% of Income		3-7% of Income		5-9% of Income		10% of Income	
Adjusted Monthly Income	Approx. Adjusted Annual Income	Suggested % of Income	Monthly Pledge	Suggested % of Income	Monthly Pledge	Suggested % of Income	Monthly Pledge	Suggested % of Income	Monthly Pledge
\$1,000	\$12,000	2%	\$20	3%	\$30	5%	\$50	10%	\$100
\$1,500	\$18,000	2%	\$30	3%	\$45	5%	\$75	10%	\$150
\$2,000	\$25,000	2%	\$40	3%	\$60	5%	\$100	10%	\$200
\$3,000	\$36,000	2%	\$60	3%	\$90	5%	\$150	10%	\$300
\$4,000	\$50,000	3%	\$120	4%	\$160	5%	\$200	10%	\$400
\$6,500	\$80,000	3%	\$195	4%	\$260	6%	\$390	10%	\$650
\$8,500	\$100,000	3%	\$255	5%	\$425	6%	\$510	10%	\$850
\$10,000	\$120,000	3%	\$300	5%	\$500	6%	\$600	10%	\$1,000
\$12,500	\$150,000	4%	\$500	5%	\$625	6%	\$750	10%	\$1,250
\$17,000	\$200,000	4%	\$680	6%	\$1,020	7%	\$1,190	10%	\$1,700
\$25,000	\$300,000	5%	\$1,250	6%	\$1,500	8%	\$2,000	10%	\$2,500
\$40,000	\$500,000	6%	\$2,400	7%	\$2,800	9%	\$3,600	10%	\$4,000

**Wherever you find the right level, revisit it periodically and reassess whether it's still the right level for you or if you are ready to move to a deeper level of support.**