

FAQs

What is a pledge? It is a promise to give a certain amount of money to SUUS for the upcoming fiscal year (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019)

Do I need to be a member to make a pledge? Anyone can give to SUUS. Those who pledge/donate and have not yet chosen to become Members are known as Friends, and are able to take advantage of all SUUS has to offer, except for voting at congregational meetings and holding leadership positions.

Do I have to make a pledge to be a member of this congregation? Yes - Financial support is a responsibility of each member. An annual pledge is required to be a voting member.

How much should I give? This depends on your personal finances and your commitment to making this congregation sustainable now, and for future generations. We all need to increase our level of giving this year to decrease the draw on the endowment, to maintain full-time ministry, expand our programming, and improve our facilities.

What about non-cash gifts? You can donate stock or other securities directly to SUUS, and there may be certain tax advantages for doing so. Please contact our treasurer, Neil Schultes for details.

Are monetary gifts to the church tax-deductible? All pledge payments and donations to SUUS are tax-deductible for the calendar year in which they are made. We suggest consulting with your financial advisor for more information.

Can I change my financial commitment? We understand that circumstances can change. If they do, please contact the office to talk with our minister or our treasurer.

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SHORELINE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY 2018-19 PLEDGE DRIVE

MARCH 17: DINNER & TALENT SHOW

MARCH 18: KICK-OFF SUNDAY & TOWN HALL MEETING

MARCH 18-APRIL 15: CONVERSATIONS

APRIL 15: PLEDGE DRIVE CELEBRATION



**Oh, The Places
We'll Go**

by Dr. SUUS



**From our Stewardship Team:
Oh the places we'll go with your support!**

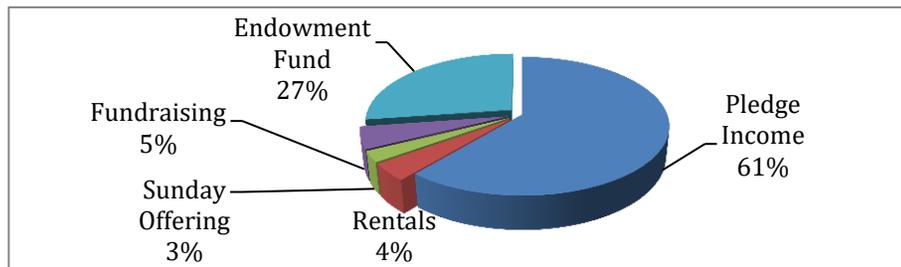
What do we need to support? We need to support our minister and our staff so we can continue full time ministry, and expand our programing and services. We need to support each other as we go through growing pains and changes. We need to support this congregation

with our pledges in order to fund those areas that move us closer to our mission and vision.

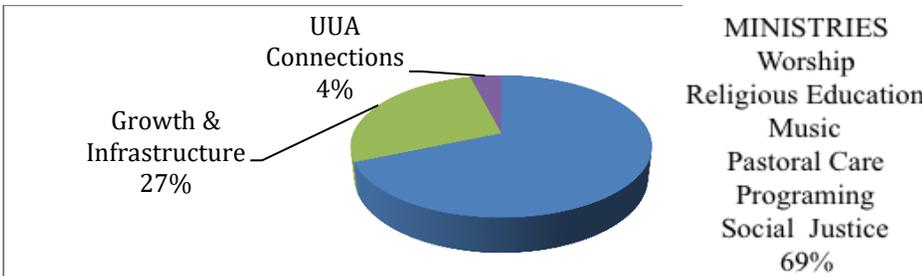
How to decide what to give? One size never fits all, so we hope you will talk with our Visiting Stewards, who will show you different ways to determine a giving level that suits you. Some folks find the UUA Fair Share Giving Guide useful. Some use it as a goal to work towards. Others increase their pledges by a percentage during a given fiscal year. We have also known a number of generous people to double their pledges in a certain year! This is done for many reasons – gratitude, inspiration, the immediate needs of our community, or in some cases, for the sheer joy of giving!

2018-19 ANNUAL BUDGET: \$275,000
2018-19 PLEDGE DRIVE GOAL: \$168,000

Where Our Gifts Come From



What Our Gifts Support



- MINISTRIES
- Worship
- Religious Education
- Music
- Pastoral Care
- Programing
- Social Justice

**From our Minister:
What brings you joy?**

It's been almost 2 years since you called me to this congregation, and it seems to me that this congregation keeps turning, in its own way and on its own schedule, toward health and joy. **Creativity, confidence, and joy, reside here! I feel privileged to be among you, serving and sharing this ministry with you.**



So, what is it that brings you joy? Only you know the degree to which your time, talent and treasure reflects what you get out of and want to give back to this community. Are you enjoying the fellowship you share in our ministry together? Are you enjoying the variety of adult and children programming? Do you know we are planning on growing our adult education program? Have you noticed the new social events happening, or the new justice work being done on behalf of gender issues, low-income youth, the environment and food insecurity? Have you noticed that a powerful new music ministry is starting to bloom? Do our 35 children amaze and delight you as much as they do me? All this happens thanks to the time and talent that our members contribute to this congregation, week in and week out. It also happen because of the funds you raise to: create, maintain, and improve this special space, address various institutional needs, and, pay for staff who are also dedicated to bringing joy to your lives, every bit as much as you are.

So, I ask you, plead with you, encourage you, and nudge you this year-- please pledge to that which brings you joy. This congregation will only thrive on what we each joyfully give. Let that be our standard of giving. Make joy. Seek joy.

Rev. Jeanne

