

## Frequently Asked Questions about Pledging:

### Why make a financial commitment for 2017?

- OUUC-our programs, buildings and grounds belong to us. About 88% of our financial resources come directly from member pledges. In order to develop a solid budget for 2017, the church leadership needs a commitment from each member. More importantly, this commitment is a concrete expression of your connection to this church community. If you cherish and believe in OUUC and its mission, we encourage you to make a generous financial commitment.

### What is the money used for?

- The budget reflects what our congregation hopes to achieve, it includes everything you see at church and many things you don't see - staff salaries and healthcare, maintenance of our buildings and grounds, music, Religious Education, social justice programs and much more. Your support also strengthens OUUC's voice in the wider community.

### Is there a right amount for each member?

- We celebrate diversity. That includes diversity in economic status and we recognize that everyone cannot give equally. Your giving communicates and demonstrates your relationship to this spiritual home, and is an expression of your life circumstances, hopes, dreams and ideals. Please consult the financial commitment table provided by the UUA at the stewardship table in the commons, or on our website [www.ouuc.org](http://www.ouuc.org)

### How do we compare with other denominations?

- UUs generally give less to their church than other denominations. (Lutherans give 44% more, and Episcopalians contribute 57% more to their churches than UUs).

### Can I give electronically?

- Of course, we encourage electronic giving. It is convenient for members, it provides a steady predictable income for OUUC, and it is good for the environment (no paper checks). Again, this can be done by going to [www.ouuc.org](http://www.ouuc.org).

### What types of electronic giving are available?

- Direct Debit Giving. Automatically transfer funds from your bank account to the church's account. This is also known as Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT), automatic payment or simply ACH.
- Credit & Debit Card Giving. Automatically charges your credit or debit card on a predetermined schedule of your choosing. All major cards are accepted.

### How can I sign up for electronic giving?

- You can do this online. Go to [www.ouuc.org/giving](http://www.ouuc.org/giving), or you can use the pledge form provided by the Stewardship committee available in the Commons or the Church Administrator.

### What if I have more questions about pledging?

- Check out the OUUC website, contact Chris Parke ([christine.parke@yahoo.com](mailto:christine.parke@yahoo.com)) or Linda Selsor ([lselsor@msn.com](mailto:lselsor@msn.com))