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A beacon at the top of Church Street, for 200 years our UU Society has played a vital role in our community. Values matter, and living our values of Love, Service, Openness and Respect has inspired each of us to grow spiritually while we seek truth and act for justice. It has been us, members and friends, motivated by gratitude and generosity, who have protected and grown our community. We have called Reverend Mara, who blesses us with her amazing sermons and presence. We have hired professional staff for membership and music to care for, love and welcome each other. We have empowered our children to be open, active and faithful, preparing them for their whole lives. Our generosity has fostered joy and light and beauty. But as Tom Paine said, there are also times that try our souls. If there was ever a time to be grateful for and generous to our Society, now is the time. Together we can and will meet the challenges ahead.

When gratitude, generosity and giving are aligned, FUUSB will be able to realize our commitment to our congregational community and expand our staffing to meet our needs and fulfill our mission. Your support will help us realize that goal.

## Our goal

Over the last few years, we've experienced real growth in membership and attendance. Our generosity has allowed us to grow our staff to better welcome these newcomers who want to join us on the journey. This year, we need to raise enough money to continue to build our capacity to care for one another effectively, and to keep us moving toward our vision of beloved community. With just one minister for a congregation of 500, generous support from our member and friend pledges will bring us closer to our goal of appropriate level staffing to meet the needs of our congregation. **Living our values calls us to this path, now more than ever.**

We are grateful for:



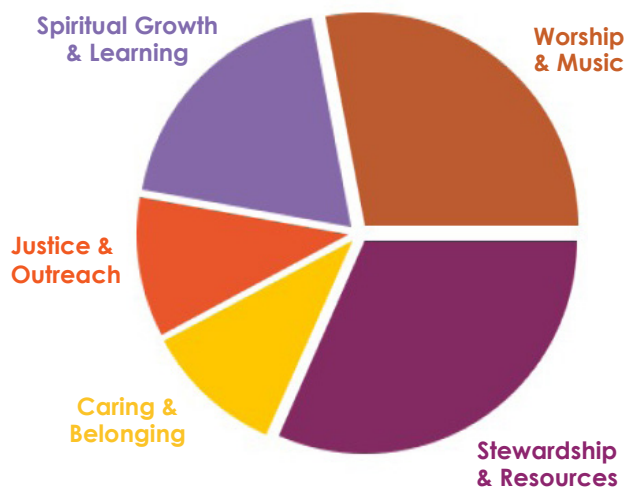
2017/2018 Stewardship Campaign

First Unitarian Universalist Society of Burlington

## Did you know?

- Total expenses for last year (2015-16) were \$791,725
- The majority of our operating costs are funded by members' and friends' pledges, and this support is very much appreciated!
- FUUSB staff are paid a livable wage.
- Our 200-year old historic building is a wonderful and expensive asset.
- Our current level of staffing (with just one full-time minister for a congregation of 500 members) is not sustainable in terms of meeting the needs of our congregation and the community at large.
- Generous support of our member/friend pledges will allow us to fulfill our mission and share our resources more effectively in the local community.

## Our expenses (by ministry area):



## Giving in line with your values

### SUGGESTED CONTRIBUTION GUIDE

(provided by the UUA - [click to view online](#))

Adjusted Annual Income*	% of AAI	\$ Annual commitment	% of AAI	\$ Annual commitment
\$12,500	1%	\$125	2%	\$250
\$25,000	2%	\$500	3%	\$750
\$50,000	3%	\$1,500	4%	\$2,000
\$75,000	4%	\$3,000	5%	\$3,750
\$100,000	5%	\$5,000	6%	\$6,000
\$150,000	6%	\$9,000	7%	\$10,500
\$200,000	6%	\$12,000	8%	\$16,000

\*Adjusted Annual Income equals the AGI from IRS Form 1040 plus tax-exempt pensions and annuities, tax-free income, and depreciation on rental property, less non-reimbursed major medical expenses, care of parent(s), costs of higher education and costs of child care.

The above numbers represent a suggested range of giving levels, as outlined by the UUA. We understand everyone's financial situation is unique, and we hope you are able to consider your UU values in thinking about your level of commitment. We are grateful for your generosity in giving at FUUSB.

#### Questions about this year's FUUSB Stewardship Campaign?

Contact the Stewardship Team at [stewardship@uusociety.org](mailto:stewardship@uusociety.org)

Questions about your pledge? Contact Christina Fulton at [xina@uusociety.org](mailto:xina@uusociety.org)

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### 2017-2018 Pledge-Commitment Card

#### Please increase my commitment by:

\_\_\_\_%, commensurate with my values OR  
 \_\_\_\_ I commit my financial support of our UU society by contributing the following amount between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per year

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Ways to pay your commitment:

- I would like to pay my commitment with automatic deductions from my bank account (preferred) or credit card.
- I will put my payments by check marked "commitment" (or cash in an envelope with my name) in the collection basket.
- I'll pay by gift of stock (contact me about this option)
- I will send it directly to the Society.

**Please complete your commitment and/or set up automatic payments online at [uusociety.org/stewardship](http://uusociety.org/stewardship)**

#### OR complete this card and return it to:

First Unitarian Universalist Society of Burlington  
 152 Pearl Street • Burlington, VT 05401

\_\_\_\_ Please have a member of the FUUSB Planned Giving Committee contact me about including FUUSB in my estate planning.

**Please complete your commitment by March 15**