

Unitarian Universalist Community of Victoria Celebrate our Community, Fund our Future

Why pledge?

We need your financial support to ensure that UUCV continues to be a source of spiritual reflection and community that are important to you, including:

- Investing in maintaining our buildings and beautiful campus
- Welcoming new members into our community, especially those who have been marginalized, hurt, or left out by other spiritual communities
- Sponsoring refugee families attempting to settle in Canada
- Supporting many amazing charities in Greater Victoria through our Share the Plate Program
- Supporting our wonderful music and family programs
- Wanting to see us launch new spiritual deepening programs like the Calming Our Spirits services, Meaning Making Groups, and potential Pilgrimage walk in 2028

If these aspects of our community (and perhaps many others that I haven't listed) matter to you, that's why you pledge. There is no other place that combines meaningful inter-generational community, social responsibility efforts, and a focus on the spiritual practices and beliefs that underpin it all. Give to keep this community not only surviving but thriving into the future. It feels good to give, knowing that these are the things you are supporting. Putting your values into action. What does UUCV add to your life?

For 2027, the ABC pledge goal is \$400,000. Higher than ever before. Help us to reach this ambitious and significant goal.

Making your pledge in a timely manner allows our Finance Committee and Board to develop a budget for 2027 that strives to meet all the hopes listed above. Perhaps, like me, you feel that UUCV is at a very promising moment in its history. The energy and enthusiasm for creating a community that is living into its aspirations is high. We are excited about what we are becoming and the possibilities of inviting more people to join us, of offering even more opportunities for depth and meaning in a modern world overly focused on chaos, cruelty and noise. Please give so that we can continue this positive momentum.

Rev. Shana



Annual Budget Campaign 2027

UUCV Stats

It costs about \$1,800 and many volunteer hours every day to support our community.

It costs us about \$2,500 per member to operate with our present level of programs for one year.

65% of our revenue comes from financial pledges made by our members and supporters.

62% of our expenses go to living wage staff and contractor salaries.

Special events fundraising from our annual Auction brought in about \$25,000 in 2026.

Scan to donate:



ABC FAQs

How do I pledge? Through the website [here](#), or by returning your paper pledge form to the UUCV office. Your previous year's pledge amount is on your Breeze profile.

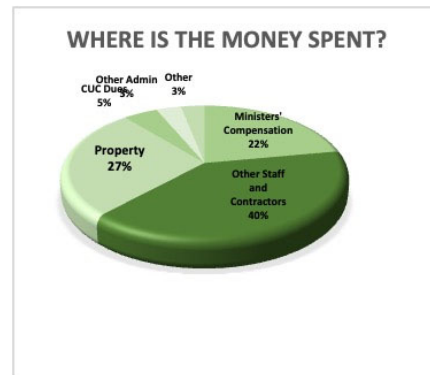
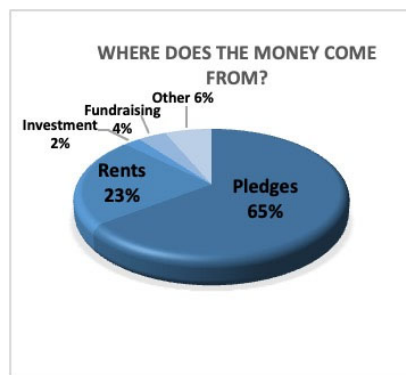
When do I pledge? Please pledge online, at church, or by mail **by October 11** so the Finance Committee has timely budget information. **Attend the special ABC service and pancake brunch on Oct. 4**, then complete your pledge form.

Note: You can now also donate investment shares, which may reduce the after-tax cost of your charitable giving or increase the amount of your gifts without increasing the after-tax cost. For more information please email treasurer@victoriaunitarian.ca.

Where can I get answers to other questions? Contact ABC: John Hopewell hopewell@telus.net 250-588-3920; David Hoadley davidbhoadley@gmail.com 250 589-0089; Linda Grimaldi grimlinda@gmail.com 250 654-1036.

If you have any comments about the Annual Budget Campaign or the church, please write them on the back of your paper pledge form, or include them in the final text box in the online form.

FINANCIAL FACTS – 2026 FISCAL YEAR



How Much Should I Pledge

Through pledging, we show our support for UUCV and the activities that we all enjoy, such as thought-provoking sermons, children’s programming, outreach, social connections, the wonderful music from the choir, etc. As members and supporters, we are UUCV’s stewards. Stewardship is about time, talent, and treasure – we know you contribute in many ways. **Based on your personal situation, the ABC Team suggest you consider one of these alternatives:**

- A pledge increase of 5% to help close the gap between the growth in pledges and the growth in expenditures; OR
- If you can pledge more, this will assist those who cannot.
- Some members tithe 10% of their income—5% to UUCV and 5% to other charities.
- If you are facing financial difficulty, pledge what you can—any amount is appreciated, even \$1 to stay connected. Those experiencing hardship may request a waiver for their pledge on the online form or by ticking box “g” on the paper form. If you cannot contribute financially in 2027, please consider supporting UUCV by volunteering.

A different approach to pledging (based on material developed by Hamilton and Vancouver Unitarians)

- For members who want more specific guidance, the table below offers suggested pledge ranges based on financial circumstances and how important UUCV is in their lives.
- **The first axis is your overall financial health.** “Striving” means basic needs are hard to meet; “Surviving” means needs are met, with little left over; “Thriving” means you feel financially secure and can afford some extras such as vacations, occasional gifts or nice evenings out; and “Flourishing” means you have more than enough and can share more with the wider community. We hope that members will pledge according to their capacity, with those who can giving more support to UUCV.
- **The second axis is how much UUCV means to you.** “Interesting” means UUCV offers occasional enjoyment or reflection; “Important” means it is part of your routine or community involvement; “Necessary” means it meets needs you cannot meet elsewhere; and “Essential” means UUCV is central to your life and community.

	Striving	Surviving	Thriving	Flourishing
Interesting	\$60 - \$120 (\$5 - \$10 / mo)	\$480 - \$1,200 (\$40 - \$100 / mo)	\$2,400 - \$4,500 (\$200 - \$375 / mo)	\$3,600 - \$7,500 (\$300 - \$625 / mo)
Important	\$120 - \$180 (\$10 - \$15 / mo)	\$900 - \$1,800 (\$75 - \$150 / mo)	\$4,200 - \$7,500 (\$350 - \$625 / mo)	\$7,200 - \$12,000 (\$600 - \$1,000 / mo)
Necessary	\$180 - \$240 (\$15 - \$20 / mo)	\$1,200 - \$2,400 (\$100 - \$200 / mo)	\$5,800 - \$9,600 (\$475 - \$800 / mo)	\$9,600 - \$13,500 (\$800 - \$1,125 / mo)
Essential	\$240 - \$360 (\$20 - \$30 / mo)	\$1,320 - \$2,700 (\$110 - \$225 / mo)	\$7,200 - \$12,000 (\$600 - \$1,000 / mo)	\$12,000 - \$20,000+ (\$1,000+ / mo)