

Q&A - Stewardship and Pledging

What is Stewardship?

Stewardship is about taking care of something we value and enabling it to grow. When we become stewards, we take responsibility and contribute our time, talent and treasure to support Albany UU.

Why do we pledge?

Albany UU belongs to each of us. We pledge to fund its daily operations and to ensure that its resources are here for us and for others now and in the future.

What is the money used for?

Income from pledges pays for 85% of our annual budget. They pay for our staff, our worship and music programs, our religious education program, programs for members and friends, community outreach, and connections to Unitarian Universalism. Our budget reflects our mission and vision.

Is pledging a requirement of membership?

Those who love this community and participate in activities should share in its financial upkeep. Some members are able to pledge more, others less, but we can all share in supporting Albany UU.

Should everyone pledge the same amount?

We place a high value on diversity in our congregation--diverse views, backgrounds, and experiences. Included in this diversity is a diversity of economic circumstances. All of us support Albany UU at individual financial levels.

How much should I pledge?

Plan to contribute a percentage of your annual income. The Fair Share Giving Guidelines suggest what you might give.

What if my financial circumstances change during the year, if I lose my job or have a financial emergency?

Lives are not static: you can revisit your pledge if need be. Contact Reese Satin, Assistant Treasurer at reesesatin@verizon.net to adjust your pledge.

What has been my pledge history?

Please contact Church Administrator, Amy Lent at 463-7135 or admin@albanyuu.org: she will help you with your request.