

# Edmonds Unitarian Universalist Church

## Fair Share Giving Guide



**“We need each other, and so we come to this place”**

We say these words as we come together during every Sunday service. They are true on many levels, including the financial level. We need each other to create and sustain this religious community which in turn nurtures us and enables us to go out and make a more just and sustainable world.

By working together we can accomplish great things. By joining together in a financial commitment to Edmonds Unitarian Universalist Church (EUUC), we can realize the church we want. Our financial support provides us with an inspiring minister, a thriving religious education program, a stirring music program, the administrative support to carry out all our programs, and a welcoming physical space.

# What level of giving is right for you?

Determining the amount to give requires both our hearts and our heads.

This giving guide, designed by the Unitarian Universalist Association, provides guidelines that factor in levels of commitment and financial capability. It recognizes that each of us live with a unique set of financial considerations—both our income levels and our financial obligations are different. It also recognizes the wide range of our commitment to EUUC—from the casual visitor to those for whom the church is a central part of their lives.

## Determining Your Adjusted Annual Income

Start with your Adjusted Gross Income from IRS form 1040		\$_____
<b>Additions</b>		
Tax-exempt pensions and annuities	\$_____	
Tax-free income	\$_____	
Depreciation on rental property	\$_____	
Other	\$_____	
Total Additions		\$_____
<b>Income plus additions</b>		\$_____
<b>Deductions</b>		
Non-reimbursed major medical expenses	\$_____	
Care of parents	\$_____	
Education	\$_____	
Child care	\$_____	
Other	\$_____	
Total Deductions		\$_____
<b>Adjusted Annual Income</b>		\$_____

## How to use this giving guide

Begin by thinking about the importance of EUUC in your life. Does this church help you live out your spiritual values? Does EUUC play a role in defining who you are and how you live? Are you committed to sustaining the programs offered at the church?

How important is the volunteer work you share with others at EUUC? Are the sermons, committee work, and interest groups an important source of social and intellectual enjoyment in your life? Do you value the friendships you have made? Does EUUC provide joy? Are you excited about what EUUC can yet become?

Next, calculate your Adjusted Annual Income from the worksheet below. Then, use the table to find the suggested level of giving for your income level and to reflect the value of EUUC in your life.



	Supporter	Sustainer	Visionary	Full Tither
	<i>EUUC is a significant part of my life and promotes my spiritual growth.</i>	<i>EUUC is central to my identity, and I am committed to sustaining our programs.</i>	<i>I am committed to both the present and future growth at my church.</i>	<i>I designate 10% of my income to the church as a way to live out my spiritual principles.</i>
<b>Adjusted Annual Income</b>	Suggested % of Income	Suggested % of Income	Suggested % of Income	Suggested % of Income
\$10,000	2%	3%	5%	10%
\$25,000	2%	3%	5%	10%
\$50,000	3%	4%	5%	10%
\$75,000	3%	4.5%	6%	10%
\$100,000	3.5%	5%	6.5%	10%
\$150,000	3.5%	5%	6.5%	10%
\$200,000	4%	5.5%	7%	10%
\$300,000	5%	6%	8%	10%
\$400,000	6%	7%	8.5%	10%
\$500,000	7%	8%	9%	10%
	Monthly Payment	Monthly Payment	Monthly Payment	Monthly Payment
	\$16	\$25	\$42	\$83
	\$42	\$63	\$104	\$208
	\$125	\$167	\$208	\$417
	\$188	\$281	\$375	\$625
	\$292	\$417	\$542	\$833
	\$438	\$625	\$813	\$1,250
	\$667	\$917	\$1,167	\$1,667
	\$1,250	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,500
	\$2,000	\$2,333	\$2,833	\$3,333
	\$2,917	\$3,333	\$3,750	\$4,167
	\$200	\$300	\$500	\$1,000
	\$500	\$750	\$1,250	\$2,500
	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$5,000
	\$2,250	\$3,375	\$4,500	\$7,500
	\$3,500	\$5,000	\$6,500	\$10,000
	\$5,250	\$7,500	\$9,750	\$15,000
	\$8,000	\$11,000	\$14,000	\$20,000
	\$15,000	\$18,000	\$24,000	\$30,000
	\$24,000	\$28,000	\$34,000	\$40,000
	\$35,000	\$40,000	\$45,000	\$50,000

# The world needs committed people who will serve boldly and passionately

There is so much to be done, especially in these times:

- children to raise into wise and good adults
- aching hearts to nurture
- hungry bodies to feed
- injustice to be righted
- a planet to repair
- and our own spirits to sustain.

Let's join together in fulfilling our greatest hopes.



## **Gathering Together Nurturing the Spirit Living Our Vision of a Just and Sustainable World**