



FAQs: What is the Annual Campaign at First Universalist Church?

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First Universalist Church is entirely self-funded. Every year, we look at our entire mission and we each offer our best personal financial commitments to fund the coming church year, which begins July 1. The total amount by everyone is used to plan programs and staffing and set the budget for the next church year.

How much do people give?

Giving is up to each person's ability, situation and conscience. We encourage thinking about personal generosity, and how First U fits those goals. Most annual commitments are in the range of \$500 to \$10,000; the average commitment is \$2000. Refer back to the Giving Guide for guidance.

What is a Perennial?

Perennials are friends and members who commit to maintain or grow their giving every year. You are welcome to become a Perennial too!

How do we offer our Commitment?

You can submit your intention back on the online commitment form or email your intention to office@uuyarmouth.org.

How do we give it?

Whatever works for you! Some give it all at once, but weekly... monthly... quarterly are all received with gratitude! Many set up automatic monthly payments through their

bank's 'bill-pay'. Please ask us if you have another way you'd like to give.

What if I make a commitment and then my circumstances change?

This happens. Your commitment is your intention; sometimes we are hit with 'curve balls', and sometimes we receive unanticipated financial blessings. It's helpful if you let a board member know of changes.

Where does our church's money come from?

Most of our income (70%) is from generous annual commitments of friends and members. We also receive money (30%) from rentals, Hannaford gift cards, and small endowments. Additionally, we offer Fundraising Events and receive about \$15,000 designated for social justice.

What do we spend it on?

Most of our spending (80%) is for programming in worship and religious education, and commitments to our minister and staff. Of course we also need to pay basics such as utility bills, insurance, and maintenance of the buildings and grounds (20%). Separately, we raise some funds and receive endowment money (\$15,000) to distribute to our social justice partners such as Preble Street, MUUSAN, our friends in Gyepes Transylvania, and many local organizations.

Thank you for your consideration!

