

## UUCDC Pledging FAQ

### **What is a Pledge and what is a Pledge Unit?**

A pledge is a promise to contribute a specific amount of money to UUCDC over a specific period of time (typically a church year, which runs from 1 July to 30 June). Collectively, pledges paid by the UUCDC church community constitute over 80% of the income received by the church to fund salaries, the mortgage, utilities, religious education, etc.

An individual or family who makes a pledge is referred to as a pledge unit.

### **Why and when are Pledges solicited?**

UUCDC operates under annual budgets, which are prepared by church leadership and presented and approved by the congregation at the annual meeting in May. To support building the budget, a pledge drive is held in February to canvass the UUCDC church community to make their pledges for the upcoming church year. The results of the pledge drive enable church leadership to project the pledge income for the upcoming church year and to set the budget accordingly.

### **Are church members expected to make pledges?**

Voting church members are expected to pledge and pay at least \$100 per year (per individual voting member). If financial constraints preclude doing this, a waiver can be obtained from our minister.

### **Do I need to be a member of the church to make a pledge?**

No; anyone who wants to financially support the church can make a pledge.

### **How many people pledge to UUCDC and how much is pledged?**

For the 2017/2018 church year, there are 189 pledges, which total \$378,385, and the median pledge is \$1,200.

### **Can I set up automatic pledge payments?**

Yes; there is a link under the 'Give' button on the UUCDC website home page:

VANCO [Link for Commitment Payments](#)

### **Can I make changes to my pledge?**

Yes; to do so you should contact the church's depositing treasurer (John Jurceka) at [jjurceka@LCE.com](mailto:jjurceka@LCE.com) or at 215-320-0282, extension 5109.

### **Does all of the money I give to the church count against my pledge commitment?**

No; only pledge payments count against a pledge commitment. Other money given for Religious Education registration, the auction, other church events, plate donations, share the plate donations, etc. does not. Notes for cash or the check memo line should be used to annotate payments you desire to apply to your pledge.

### **What happens to unpaid pledge commitments at the end of the church year?**

Each church year ends on 30 June. In early to mid-June, the church sends out a pledge status to each pledge unit, conducts follow ups with people who have not fully paid their pledge, and adjusts pledges per the feedback received.

- If someone states that some/all of the amount owed will not be paid, their pledge is adjusted accordingly
- If no feedback is received, future payments are applied to the unpaid pledge commitment until it is fully paid off.

### **Who do I contact if I have questions regarding my pledge?**

You can access your pledge status via the Breeze Log in button on the UUCDC website home page or contact the church's depositing treasurer (John Jurceka) at [jjurceka@LCE.com](mailto:jjurceka@LCE.com) or at 215-320-0282, extension 5109.