



Turn the world around

Pacific Unitarian Church

69th Annual Pledge Drive, 2026–27

In our world today, it sometimes feels like injustice has taken over. More than ever, it is time to cherish our beloved PUC community. We gather for comfort, inspiration, education, and active social justice. Pastor Joshua's sermons enrich and inspire us while social justice works to make our world a fairer place. Severin and the choir educate us, entertain us, and lift our spirits. In our special UU way, grounded by our principles and values, we are trying to turn the world around. Now is the time for us to give generously to keep the revolution going.

Our Need

Last year our PUC community met our pledge goal of \$265,000. This helped fund our music program, worship services, guest speakers, social justice work, and paid our staff and our many bills. We have become a constant presence in the community, partnering with immigrant justice groups, hosting fair trade events, and so much more.

In the coming year, we plan to connect even more deeply with our local and UU community, as we host the Pacific Southwest Assembly and do even more to spread our principals and values through our community and beyond. Our spending budget for next year will be \$270,000. The finance team has combed through each budget line and found ways to trim where possible. Still, to meet our costs and support the grounds, services and staff that we love, we need to raise **\$270,000**. *This means an average of \$2,015 per pledger (based on the number of pledgers last year – one pledge from a couple is two pledgers) to meet our budget.*

Our pledge goal has increased only 1.9% from last year when inflation was 2.4%. Kudos to everyone involved!

Of course, that amount doesn't work for every budget. If you *can* pledge more, that helps all of us. We just ask each person to give what makes sense for them—and as much as possible, think about what PUC means to you.

Pledge to help us turn the world around.

Our pledge goal of \$270,000 will allow us to fund programs like these:

- Our phenomenal music program, music director, and special performers
- SEE (Spiritual Exploration and Education) including OWL and Coming of Age
- Continuing enrichment programming for adults
- Multicultural and interfaith programming
- Celebrations and special services

- Maintaining the beauty and safety of our campus, and making necessary repairs and improvements
- Revitalizing our website and outreach platforms
- Salaries for our staff that meet rising cost-of-living
- Taxes and utilities, which have increased with inflation
- Membership dues to our parent organization, the Unitarian Universalist Association
- Community outreach with social justice programs like Community’s Child

How much should you pledge?

Pledges are commitments to our community, and should reflect what you can donate to support PUC while meeting your needs and other commitments in the year to come.

We are asking for an average of \$2,015 per pledger (one pledge from a couple is two pledgers). That’s only \$168 a month, \$38.75 a week, \$5.51 per day, to meet our current goals as we look to renew and grow our membership in 2026 - 2027.

Income		Percentage of Income									
		2%		4%		6%		8%		10%	
Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly
\$12,000	\$1,000	\$240	\$20	\$480	\$40	\$720	\$60	\$960	\$80	\$1,200	\$100
\$20,000	\$1,667	\$400	\$33	\$800	\$67	\$1,200	\$100	\$1,600	\$133	\$2,000	\$167
\$40,000	\$3,333	\$800	\$67	\$1,600	\$133	\$2,400	\$200	\$3,200	\$267	\$4,000	\$333
\$60,000	\$5,000	\$1,200	\$100	\$2,400	\$200	\$3,600	\$300	\$4,800	\$400	\$6,000	\$500
\$80,000	\$6,667	\$1,600	\$133	\$3,200	\$267	\$4,800	\$400	\$6,400	\$533	\$8,000	\$667
\$100,000	\$8,333	\$2,000	\$167	\$4,000	\$333	\$6,000	\$500	\$8,000	\$667	\$10,000	\$833
\$150,000	\$12,500	\$3,000	\$250	\$6,000	\$500	\$9,000	\$750	\$12,000	\$1,000	\$15,000	\$1,250
\$200,000	\$16,667	\$4,000	\$333	\$8,000	\$667	\$12,000	\$1,000	\$16,000	\$1,333	\$20,000	\$1,667
\$250,000	\$20,833	\$5,000	\$417	\$10,000	\$833	\$15,000	\$1,250	\$20,000	\$1,667	\$25,000	\$2,083
\$300,000	\$25,000	\$6,000	\$500	\$12,000	\$1,000	\$18,000	\$1,500	\$24,000	\$2,000	\$30,000	\$2,500

Questions?

Come see us at the pledge table on the patio every Sunday from March 1 to March 22nd.

Or contact stewardship@pacificunitarian.org

Pledge Now

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Got Questions about Pledge or Other Donations?

Here are some Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: I'm not sure if I pledged. How can I find out?

A: Check with church administrator Gaby Sese at

admin@pacificunitarian.org.

Q: I put money in the basket. Does that count as a pledge?

A: No. Money in the basket is part of the collection, but is not a pledge. A pledge is made by completing a pledge form with the amount you pledge for the church year. That helps us create and maintain the budget each year.

Q: I gave to PUC by writing a check or paying on Zelle. Does that count as a pledge?

A: No. Please complete a pledge form to help with church budgeting and ensure your status as a voting member.

Q: Didn't I already pay my pledge a few months ago?

A: You probably did, but that was for the 2025-26 church year, which ends in June 2026. This pledge drive is for the 2026-27 church year (July 2026 - June 2027). And thanks for your pledge!

Q: Do I have to pay my 2026-27 pledge now?

A: No. This pledge drive is for the 2026-27 church year (July 2026 - June 2027). You have until June 2027 to pay the money you pledged. And thank you!

Have further questions? Please contact Gaby Sese: admin@pacificunitarian.org.



Tips on Making Your Donations Count

At PUC, our budget is pretty lean, and every dollar you give is important. To ensure that your donations are properly accounted for, follow these guidelines:

- Pledge or Donation?

To make your annual pledge, be sure to do it through the website and fill out a pledge form, or tell Gaby or the Stewardship Committee. The pledge is very important in setting our annual budget each year. The church financial year runs from July 1 to June 30, so you will have until then to pay your pledged amount.

- Memo, Memo, Memo

Always fill out the memo line when giving via check, PayPal, Zelle, or transfer of funds. "Pledge 25-26" will apply your payment to last year's pledge if you haven't fulfilled it yet. "Pledge 26-27" will apply payment to the coming year's pledge.

- Split Plate Donations

Write "split plate" to share with the organization that week. If you write "pledge" in the memo line, your donation will not be shared that week. If you want your entire donation to be given to the charitable organization, write "all to XXX" on the memo line.

- Weekly Collection Basket

We do have a budget line for these donations, and greatly appreciate them. However, we cannot track cash donations toward individuals' giving. If you want to account for this giving, put your money in a donation envelope, which is available at the door of the hall. Ask an usher if you need help.

If you have any questions, you can contact Gaby or the Stewardship Committee. Thank you!