From the President



My Cherished Community,

We are offering each of you the opportunity to be part of a chain of faith that reaches back to 1954, when a handful of enlightened individuals began what we now call our spiritual home, the Unitarian Universalist Church of Corpus Christi.

We are now much more than a handful. We are an established congregation with a proud history and a strong future, self directed, self sustaining, and determined to pass the flame of commitment forward to yet another generation.

Though we are not a wealthy congregation, passing the flame does not require financial suffering or hardship. It does require generosity born of love, pride in being a Unitarian Universalist, and a longing to be part of something much larger than ourselves.

Our pledge goal of \$96,000 will continue to keep our church functioning and flourishing. Please consider increasing your pledge this year if you are able. Your additional generosity will light our way into the future. Increasing your existing pledge by 20%, or increasing your giving by even \$25 per month will go a long way toward our church's health and growth.

I'm asking you to do just one thing: Sustain the Flame.

In Faith, Michael Causey



2024 Pledge Goal - \$96,000

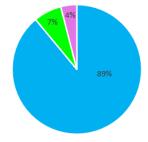
Projected Budget Allocation

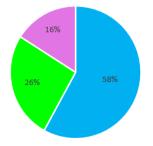
Revenue

89% - Pledges

7% - Non-Pledging Contributions

4% - Fundraising





Expenses

58% - Administration

26% - Worship & Programs

16% - Building

Expense notes:

- Administrative includes Administrator, Accountant, software, UUA dues
- Worship & Program includes-Religious Exploration and music staff, and funding for church groups
- Building includes mortgage, insurance, utilities, cleaning, and maintenance

How much should I give?

We encourage you to give a percentage of your income (2% to begin with) and to increase that percentage over time toward 5% or more. You can use the *Guide to Monthly Giving (enclosed)* to determine your monthly pledge amount.

How do I submit my pledge?

You can fill out the enclosed pledge form and mail it to the church or through the online form at UUCorpus.org/pledge.

Automatic Pledge Payments

If you would like to set up an automatic monthly contribution, fill out the enclosed *Electronic Payment Authorization* form and mail it to the church. Many find autopayments easier to deal with and budget for. Automated payments substantially ease the burden of administration and help with income predictability for the church as well. Thank you for your commitment to our U2C3 community.

If you have any questions, need paper copies of forms or any other help, please do not hesitate to email us at contact@uucorpus.org or call Lauren Cantatore-Causey (Stewardship Campaign Chair) at 210-831-7820.



2024 Annual Pledge Drive

Unitarian Universalist Church of Corpus Christi

We pledge because we love one another, our chalice and all that it stands for, and the very church where we gather. Every pledge is a deed that honors ourselves, those members who gave us this opportunity, and those who will carry what we value into the future.

We need <u>you</u> to ensure the present health and future flourishing of our church and its mission:

Growing in spirit and faith to inspire radical acts of inclusion, justice and lovingkindness.

"Generosity is the most natural outward expression of an inner attitude of compassion and loving-kindness." Dalai Lama

HELP US SUSTAIN THE FLAME!