

Two charts to help people think about their giving

- 1. A Percentage Calculator** chart helps people to think about their giving as a percentage of income. This is essential if people want to begin or continue the journey toward tithing. This is also necessary to encourage people to take a step up in their giving each year or every two years. This chart also provides an opportunity for people to see what other giving levels might mean for them and to consider higher giving levels as they work on their giving for the coming year. A Percentage Calculator is published each year with the annual UCC Stewardship Theme Materials and is available from United Church of Christ Resources.
- 2. A Giving Chart** – here is text for a chart that shows the giving levels in a congregation:

You have already been encouraged to calculate and to know what percentage of your income you give to the work of the church. You have been asked to think about how you feel about your giving, based on that percentage. In addition, you have been asked to consider giving a higher percentage.

Many people in many of our churches have also been helped to think of their giving by finding where they are on a chart of giving for their own congregation.

As you review the chart below, it doesn't necessarily matter where on the chart you find yourself. What matters is, based on your percentage or where you are on the chart, how you feel about yourself or your household as a giver-in response to God's gift to you.

Our church has _____ household units in its membership.
Based on office records: _____ give more than \$100.00 each week.

_____ give from \$75.01 - \$100.00 each week.

_____ give from \$50.01 - \$75.00 each week.

_____ give from \$40.01 - \$50.00 each week.

_____ give from \$30.01 - \$40.00 each week.

_____ give from \$20.01 - \$30.00 each week.

_____ give from \$10.01 - \$20.00 each week.

_____ give from \$5.01 - \$10.00 each week.

_____ give up to \$5.00 each week.

_____ give nothing to the church.

ASKING FOR SUPPORT

How Much Shall I Give?

The United Church of Christ stresses giving a deliberately chosen percentage of income to support God's mission among people everywhere. Our church urges us to set at least 10% of income as our giving goal and suggests that we move toward that goal by giving an additional 1% of our income each year.

My Gift of Time

The giving of time is as important as the giving of money. Consider that each of us has 168 hours each week.

10% of that time is approximately 16 hours.

5% of that time is approximately 8 hours.

2% of that time is approximately 3 hours.

I am now giving approximately _____ hours per week for worship and to the work and mission of the church.

For the next year, I will try to increase my time for the church to _____ hours per week.



A PERCENTAGE GIVING GUIDE



Stewardship and Church Finances
2016

Using the information in this folder, consider some of the ways that you, as a disciple of Jesus Christ, can cause God's mission to come alive through your action.

MY FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

1. My yearly salary \$ _____
2. My spouse's yearly salary, if my spouse is a member of the United Church of Christ \$ _____
3. Income from other sources (interest, dividends, inheritances, etc.) \$ _____
4. Total \$ _____
5. My current weekly gift to the church \$ _____
6. From the Percentage Giving Guide in this folder, find your income in the left column, read across to the amount you now give (to the closest figure), then read up to find your current percentage of giving
7. My current percentage of giving is _____ %

INCREASING MY GIVING FOR THE FUTURE TO INCREASE MY GIVING BY 1% OF MY ANNUAL INCOME:

Go back to the Percentage Giving Guide, to your current weekly giving (in number 5 above). From your place, move one column to the right and note the figure here: \$ _____

This is the amount of my weekly gift to the church if I increase my weekly giving by 1% of my annual income.

Weekly Percentage Giving Guide

ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME	WEEKLY GIVING IF PERCENTAGE IS											
	1%	2%	3%	4%	5%	6%	7%	8%	9%	10%	11%	12%
8,000	2	3	5	6	8	9	11	12	14	15	17	18
12,000	2	5	7	9	12	14	16	18	21	23	25	28
14,000	3	5	8	11	13	16	19	22	24	27	30	32
16,000	3	6	9	12	15	18	22	25	28	31	34	37
18,000	3	7	10	14	17	21	24	28	31	35	38	42
20,000	4	8	12	15	19	23	27	31	35	38	42	46
25,000	5	10	14	19	24	29	34	38	43	48	53	58
30,000	6	12	17	23	29	35	40	46	52	58	63	69
35,000	7	13	20	27	34	40	47	54	60	67	74	81
40,000	8	15	23	31	38	46	54	62	69	77	85	92
45,000	9	17	26	35	43	52	61	69	78	87	95	104
50,000	10	19	29	38	48	58	67	77	87	96	106	115
60,000	12	23	35	46	58	69	81	92	104	115	127	138
75,000	14	29	43	58	72	87	101	115	130	144	159	173
100,000	19	38	58	77	96	115	134	154	173	192	212	231
125,000	24	48	72	96	120	144	168	192	216	240	264	288

Giving Guide

Stewardship 2002

*The true measure of
Christian stewardship is giving
from what we have
rather than
from what we have left over.*



Stewardship **Faithful** *for all seasons* **Giving**

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Wellesley Congregational Church

GIVING GUIDE FOR YOUR ANNUAL VILLAGE CHURCH PLEDGE

STEWARDSHIP 2002

Members of our church have requested guidance on pledging. The UCC has information on giving patterns which indicates that giving percentages increase with the level of church involvement and income. This guide may offer suggestions for you and your family as you make your pledge for the year 2002.

Annual Income	Basic Pledge 1% - 2% of Income	Participatory Pledge 3% - 4% of Income	Leadership Pledge 5% - 10% of Income
\$25,000 or less	\$250 - \$500	\$750 - \$1,000	\$1,250 - \$2,500
\$50,000	\$500 - \$1,000	\$1,500 - \$2,000	\$2,500 - \$5,000
\$75,000	\$750 - \$1,500	\$2,250 - \$3,000	\$3,750 - \$7,500
\$100,000	\$1,000 - \$2,000	\$3,000 - \$4,000	\$5,000 - \$10,000
\$150,000	\$1,500 - \$3,000	\$4,500 - \$6,000	\$7,500 - \$15,000
\$200,000	\$2,000 - \$4,000	\$6,000 - \$8,000	\$10,000 - \$20,000
\$300,000 or more	\$3,000 - \$6,000	\$9,000 - \$12,000	\$15,000 - \$30,000



Basic Support
Suggested for an individual or family who considers the Church its religious home, and who feels they are a part of the Church community, participates in some Church activities or uses its basic services.

Participatory Support
Suggested for an individual or family who is actively involved, makes extensive use of services such as Sunday School, Adult Ed., and Youth Programs, and views the Church as a channel for the expression of their social, spiritual and family values.

Leadership Support
Suggested for an individual or family deeply committed to the support of the Church's religious initiatives, program expansion, and who view the Church as a central focus of their spiritual life.

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