



Pledge Campaign for
2018-2019

Our Hands
Our Hearts
Our Dreams



Thank you for donating to Calgary Unitarians this year.
Whether your donation was large or small,
we know it came from the heart.

Thank you for giving of your time and talent.
It's not simply that you *contribute* to this community;
together with members and friends,
you *create* this community.

Your contribution is important
because with strong support from us all,
we'll be able to lift up our faith and Calgary Unitarians
can grow as a spiritual beacon in our city.

Our Hands, Our Hearts...

We come together in beloved community, guided by our Unitarian Universalist principles and sources to grow in wisdom, welcome and deepen relationships, and act for a just and sustainable world.

You make a difference!

Here are the **six key areas of church life**, through which we strive to meet our purpose:

Outreach and Social Justice

13% of budget

Guided by our principles, our Outreach and Social Justice activities help us to live out our values in the world. We are also changed by learning and acting together.

- 4 Others collections
- Green Sanctuary events
- Community Kitchen
- Calgary's Pride Parade and supporting the LGBTQ community
- Community Garden
- Social and Environmental Justice film nights
- Our Minister's message outside our walls
- Hosting and supporting the Refugee Committee; bringing refugee families to settle in Calgary



We take our beliefs in social justice out into the wider world



- Collaborating with Metro Alliance for the Common Good
- Horticultural Therapy Group
- Calgary Interfaith Council
- Programming to support indigenous/non-indigenous Reconciliation
- Supporting the Raging Grannies

The Abdulrazzaq family

Empowering Children and Youth

15% of budget

UU children and youth are encouraged to ask questions and become their authentic selves by finding their unique strengths, values and beliefs. We are committed to creating safe places for children and youth to grow into principled, compassionate adults.

- Religious exploration classes on Sunday
- Youth groups, including conferences with other Unitarian youth
- OWL (Our Whole Lives) lifespan sexuality education
- Learning about world faiths



We provide our children and youth with opportunities for fun and growth.

Vibrant Sunday Services

22% of budget

Sunday services invite us to grow intellectually, emotionally, and spiritually. We find time and space to integrate our values with our life experiences.

- Thoughtful presentations from ministers, congregants and special guests
- “Spirituality of...” services
- Wonderful music
- Storytelling for all ages
- Time for meditation and reflection
- Audio and visual recordings to share
- Coffee and community after services



The BarberEllas presented a special Sunday service

Spiritual Growth

11% of budget

Here we feel we are never done learning and growing. We are a community of people who seek alignment of our beliefs, our words and our actions as a lifelong spiritual practice.

- Uuphonia choir, ChorVida Chamber Choir
- Theme-based ministry and Listening Circles
- Adult Religious Exploration courses
- Interpersonal sharing time during services

Building Beloved Community

13% of budget



We produce concerts: classical, choral, jazz, Cabaret

We welcome, value and celebrate diversity. We provide a place for people of all ages to build relationships and care for one another. We strive to be radically inclusive.

- Building our online presence to reach young adults and others
- Supporting your Sunday experience (coffee, ushering, etc.)
 - Congregational dinners for special holidays
 - Intergenerational secret buddies
 - Talent and Service Auction
 - Soup-er Sunday lunches
 - Arts and Crafts groups
 - Operation Cookie
 - UUphonia choir
 - Caring cards
 - Gardening

Sharing Our Abundance

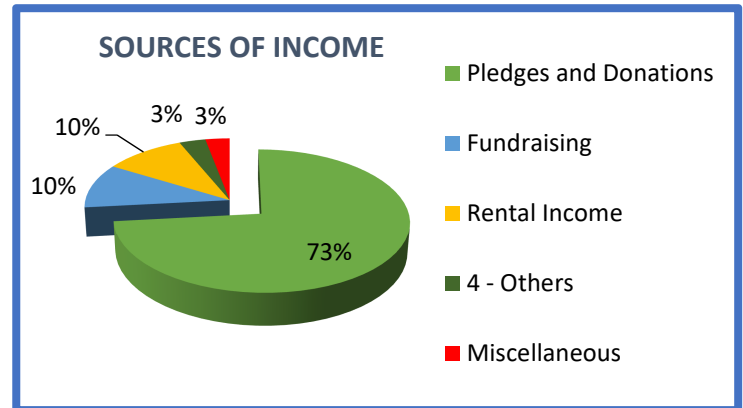
26% of budget

We believe that we have a connection to our Calgary community, our interfaith neighbours, and Unitarians across the country and the world. We share time, expertise and financial resources with others in meaningful ways. We maintain our building and grounds to be welcoming to everyone who uses our space.

- The Canadian Unitarian Council, supporting our faith in Canada
- UU Ministers of Canada. Rev Debra serves as Minister Observer to the CUC Board
- The International Council of Unitarians and Universalists, supporting UUs around the world
- The Western Regional Fall Gathering we hosted in October 2017 to support prairie congregations
- Groups who meet in our space- Wild Rose Buddhist Sangha, Covenant of Gaia, Community choirs, Charity Quilters, and many others
- Lay Chaplaincy, providing meaningful rites of passage for the larger community

...Our Dreams

Nearly three quarters of our church income comes from you, through pledges and donations.



Give to Sustain in 2018-19:

Calgary Unitarians' base budget allows us to sustain our programs and pay our staff fairly. Like most non-profits today we are having to increase our paid staff hours to reduce pressure on our volunteers.

If you've made a financial commitment (pledge) to our congregation before, we're grateful for your generosity. We now ask you to consider maintaining or even increasing your pledge for the coming year. Our costs increase each year with inflation, so where possible, please consider increasing your pledge accordingly. We invite those households who can to be generous well beyond inflation, all the way to dreams. Of course, for any household living on low income, any donation is considered generous.

If making a pledge is new to you, or you're uncertain about how much to pledge, look for guidance from the *Suggested Giving Levels* chart on the back of your Pledge Form.

Give to Grow in 2018-19:

With a pledge drive surpassing our basic goals, we can realize some of our Board's *Dreams for Growth*:

- Two more paid Classroom Leads for a total of three – (three hours per week each): \$5000
- Promote Visual Identity – Social Media Coordinator – \$200 per month for eleven months: \$2200.
- Piano accompanist to support our Music Director – \$550 per month for ten months: \$5500
- Visual Identity – signage and lighting needed (beyond that covered by our grant): \$1000

Which dreams inspire you? Tell us your priorities on your pledge form!

Join us at our Sunday service on **March 25**, when we'll gather our pledges and celebrate our commitments. Please plan to come, and bring your pledge! If you can't attend, please make sure you return your pledge form (or pledge online at unitarianscalgary.org) by **April 8**.



Our programme staff

Thank you for your pledge! Now we can plan for the year ahead!