

TOGETHER WE GROW!

Spring 2021

Stewardship of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Central Michigan

Twenty years ago, the Reverend Bob Franke had a vision: that in Mount Pleasant there would be a sanctuary of tolerance, a truly *welcoming* religious community. The work of many brought his vision to life.

For many years, we were a Family church with relatively few members. In such communities, everyone knows everyone's name; year after year a few key leaders make the important decisions. Now, with 72 members and more than 20 active friends, we've grown into a Pastoral church, where a full-time minister and a policy-making Board are central.

We've called Drew Frantz into settled ministry. Through the pandemic, he has delivered stirring sermons, enriched our spirituality, and enlivened our community. He has encouraged visitors to become members and inspired members to become leaders.

To accomplish this, last year we asked for a big increase in total pledges—and you did it! Now the Board has proposed a budget \$140,008 for 2021/2022, a 5% increase. This will support enhanced internal and external communications, especially through a complete redesign of our website.

Reflect for a moment on what UUFCM means in your life...

My aspiration is that we may continue to flourish, growing in numbers and in spirit, so as to bring healing to one another and to the world! If you share these hopes, pledge your time, talents, and treasure by filling out the enclosed forms indicating your commitment for the coming year (2021-2022). Or pledge online at uufcm.org/pledge-form.

Questions or concerns? Contact any one of us or else contact our Treasurer, Terrie Robbie (trobbe1@gmail.com). Thank you.

In peace and love,

the 2021 Stewardship Committee...

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Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2021 - 2022

Expense Category	2020 - 21 Budget	Proposed 2021 -22 Budget
Accounting and Bank Fees	\$900	\$900
Assessment Special Tax	\$0	\$750
Building Costs	\$14,500	\$14,500
Child Care	\$1,700	\$1,700
Communications	\$0	\$5,000
Copies and Postage	\$1,500	\$1,500
Fair Share Payments	\$5,500	\$6,000
Insurance	\$2,500	\$2,500
Minister	\$89,453	\$87,458
Music	\$600	\$600
Religious Education Expenses	\$900	\$900
Religious Education Director	\$6,000	\$6,000
Secretarial	\$5,100	\$7,500
Supplies and Miscellaneous	\$3,000	\$3,000
Leadership Development	\$200	\$200
Minister's Discretionary Expense	\$500	\$500
Endowment Contribution	\$1,000	\$1,000
Total	\$133,353	\$140,008

Key to Each of the Categories

Accounting and Bank Fees: Pays for checks, bank fees, Vanco fees (on-line), and accountant services.

Assessment Special Tax: Tax that is being assessed by the city for businesses in the downtown area.

Building Costs: Pays for utilities, repairs, maintenance, improvements, cleaning, snow removal, lawn mowing, etc.

Child Care: Pays for weekly services and special events

Communications: Cost of new Website, Zoom Services, Vimeo, MailChimp, and Web Domain

Copies and Postage: Pays for stamps, post office box rental, copying orders of service, directories, annual reports, music, and other documents.

Fair Share Payments: Payments to the UUA and MidAmerica Region

Insurance: Pays for building, liability and workman's compensation

Minister: Pays for salary, benefits, and ministerial expenses

Music: Pays for substitute pianists, hymnals, music purchases, and piano tuning

Religious Education Expenses: Pays for fees and expenses for OWL Training, education materials, snacks for special occasions, decorations, and craft items

Religious Education Director: Pays for a ¼ time RE Director

Secretarial: Pays for contracted administrative assistant

Supplies & Maintenance: Pays for food & drink items; kitchen, building, and bathroom supplies; worship supplies; office supplies; etc.

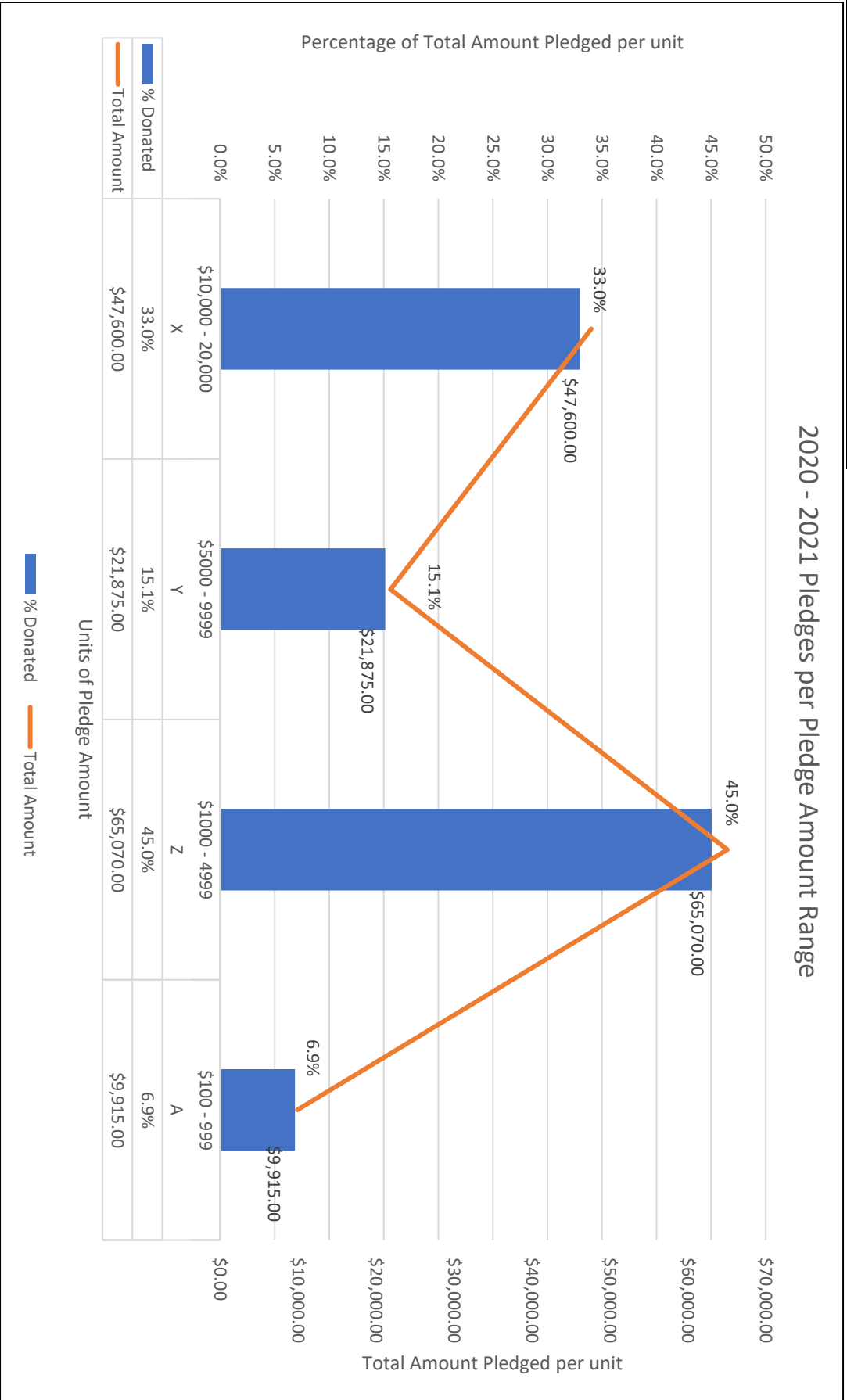
Leadership Development: Pays for expenses at UUA and MidAmerica Regional Conferences

Minister's Discretionary Expense: Provides seed money for the minister to provide monetary aid for those who ask for help

Endowment Contribution: Our yearly contribution to our Endowment Fund

Name of Pledge Group	Pledge Amount Range	% Donated	Total Amount
X	\$10,000 - 20,000	33.0%	\$47,600.00
Y	\$5000 - 9999	15.1%	\$21,875.00
Z	\$1000 - 4999	45.0%	\$65,070.00
A	\$100 - 999	6.9%	\$9,915.00

2020 - 2021 Pledges per Pledge Amount Range





**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP
OF CENTRAL MICHIGAN**

PLEDGE FORM 2021-2022 Fiscal Year

In appreciation for the existence of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Central Michigan, the support of its mission and in recognition of giving as a spiritual practice, I/we make this pledge of financial support for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. For those with children, consider making this a family discussion, as it is by our example of giving that children learn generosity.

My/our annual pledge for 2020-21 was \$ _____.

My/our annual pledge for 2021 – 2022 is \$ _____*

Name(s):

Address:

Phone Number: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

*A statement of your pledge as received is provided yearly for tax purposes and is fully tax deductible.

*Please turn in your pledge form to our treasurer, Terrie
Robbie, by April 10, 2021:*

Mail: UUFCM, P.O. Box 41, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48804-0041

or

Online donation: uufcm.org/pledge-form

Thank you for your generosity and dedication to our fellowship.
May we continue to grow and thrive!

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Central Michigan Volunteer Opportunities

One of the missions of our congregation is service to our congregation and the community at large. We realize that life can get extremely busy and it is often challenging for individuals to find time and energy to volunteer. But we know it is in giving that we are receiving new energy and joy.

Name(s): _____

Phone(s): _____ Email(s): _____

Please specify which ones you might enjoy doing (a, b, or c, etc.).

If partners sign up together, initial which one is interested in what service opportunity.

_____ **Hospitality:** a. greeter, b. pre-service setup, c. cleanup after the coffee hour.

_____ **Worship Associate:** a. setting up sanctuary, b. participating in Sunday service, c. technical support for Zoom (spotlighting, screen sharing, recording, etc.)

_____ **Caring for others:** a. make phone calls/texts, b. send cards, c. provide transport

_____ **Membership:** a. communicate with members and friends, b. write welcome letters.

_____ **Religious Education:** a. teaching, b. assisting with children, c. RE for adults.

_____ **Music:** a. singing in choir, b. playing an instrument.

_____ **Building/Grounds/Safety:** a. spring/fall cleaning; b. plant flowers, c. maintenance (i.e. check fire alarms, replace furnace filters, etc.) d. construction.

_____ **Communication:** a. website, b. facebook, c. design brochures/flyers, d. design graphics, e. public relations.

_____ **Social Justice:** a. environment, b. women's rights, c. voting rights, d. LGBTQ rights, e. Racial Justice.

_____ **Social fun:** a. help organize social events, b. help with fundraising.

Turn in no later than **April 10th**
to our Treasurer, Terrie Robbie,
UUFCM, P.O. Box 41, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48804-0041
or online at uufcm.org/volunteer-form

Thank you for sharing your gifts of time and talent!