

How Much Shall I Give?

The United Congregational Church stresses giving a deliberately chosen percentage of income to support God's work among people everywhere. The Bible teaches us that our standard of giving should reflect our standard of living: "To whom much is given, much is expected." (Luke 12:48)

Using the table below, the UCC encourages us to find where we are on our journey to generosity, and then pledge to increase our current giving by an additional 1% of income each year. "The greatest temptation of faithfulness is plateauing, being faithfully stuck, never changing year after year. To grow in generosity requires us to move to the next step of engagement, purpose and sacrifice."¹

When we give regularly and sacrificially, we make God our priority, trusting in God's abundance instead of worrying about having enough.

Annual Gross Income	2%	4%	6%	8%	10%
\$20,000	\$400	\$500	\$1,200	\$1,600	\$2,000
\$40,000	\$800	\$1,600	\$2,400	\$3,200	\$4,000
\$50,000	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$5,000
\$75,000	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$4,500	\$6,000	\$7,500
\$100,000	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$6,000	\$8,000	\$10,000
\$150,000	\$3,000	\$6,000	\$9,000	\$12,000	\$15,000
\$200,000	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$12,000	\$16,000	\$20,000

¹ Contagious Generosity: Creating a Culture of Giving in Your Church, by Chris Willard and Jim Shepherd, Leadership Network Innovation Series (2012).