

Time and Talent Pledge

Name (A)		Name (B)	
A	B	A	B
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Ed Leader		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Marching/demonstrating	
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Architectural interests		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Mentoring child/adults	
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Arts/graphics		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> New Member Connections	
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Carpentry/building		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Office help	
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Childcare/babysitting		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Organizational skills	
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Choral music		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Other performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Computer skills/data entry		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Photography	
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking/baking		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Plumbing	
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Crafts/sewing		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Provide Transportation	
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical work		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Reader for worship services	
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Emceeing/facilitating		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Relig. Ed leader for children	
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Event setup/cleanup		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Research	
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Management		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Social Events planning	
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraiser planning		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday arrangement	
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening/landscaping		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday coffee prep/serve	
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Good listener/supporter		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday ushering	
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Greeting on Sundays		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone work	
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Instrumental music		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Writing/documenting	
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Interviewing/surveying		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Youth work	
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Lay-led worship		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Leading games/activities		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	

Allen Avenue

Unitarian Universalist Church

New Member Covenant



We celebrate diversity,
encourage spiritual
growth and promote
social responsibility, as
we walk with care on
this earth.

Welcome

Welcome to our church! We are happy you are considering becoming a member of our community. We know that here, you will find food for thought and enrichment for the spirit.

Membership at Allen Avenue UU Church means that you participate in the shared ministry of our church. Our church wouldn't be the vibrant, active and loving community it is without folks to serve coffee on Sunday mornings, make cookies for the Holiday Fair, lead a Religious Education group, sing in the choir, or visit one of our elders. It takes *all* of us to make a church.



Treasure Pledge

Name(s) _____

My/Our monthly pledge to A2U2 will be \$ _____ ,
starting on (date) _____.

Signed _____

How I/we will pay:

- pay by check pay by credit card
- automatic withdrawals from my bank
- cash (in marked envelope)

Credit Card Information:

MasterCard Visa

__ exp date _____

Please return this section to the chair of the Members and Friends Committee or the Treasurer when you make arrangements to join the church. You may place it in one of the boxes by the office door if they are not available.

Or, you may send it to: Allen Avenue UU Church, 524 Allen Avenue, Portland, ME 04103

Thank You!

Find Yourself!

Monthly pledge amounts:

Income	10%	5%	2.50%
\$10,000	\$83	\$42	\$21
\$20,000	\$167	\$83	\$42
\$30,000	\$250	\$125	\$63
\$40,000	\$333	\$167	\$83
\$50,000	\$417	\$208	\$104
\$60,000	\$500	\$250	\$125
\$70,000	\$583	\$292	\$146
\$80,000	\$667	\$333	\$167
\$90,000	\$750	\$375	\$188
\$100,000	\$833	\$417	\$208

Note: The UUA often suggests that congregants consider a quarter-tithe (2.5%) pledge. Some A₂U₂ members are stretching toward a half-tithe (5%) and even a full-tithe (10%)!

Other considerations . . .

- You can pay by automatic monthly withdrawals from your credit card (Visa or MasterCard) or checking account (arranged through your bank). Or, you can pay by check each month. If you place your check in the collection plate at Sunday worship, please put it in an envelope marked “Pledge”.
- Our fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30. Your initial pledge reflects monthly payments from now until June 30. All church members (and many church friends) renew their pledges each spring during the annual Stewardship campaign. These pledges start on the following July 1.



A decision to become a member of A₂U₂ means that you will be making a covenant—a statement of intention and hope—that expresses your desire to participate in the mission and ministry of this community. Each of us contributes in unique ways, but all of us promise to support our church by sharing our time, talent and our treasure.

Membership is a journey. We invite you to continue to explore what this congregation has to offer your life and what you have to offer all of us. Our intention and hope is that you will find ways to participate that will increase the joy in your life and help you to live your deepest values.

T's: Time, Talent, Treasure

Time . . .

. . . Is one of the gifts we offer our church. It takes time to bake a cake or knit a scarf for the Holiday Fair. It takes time to cook a meal for a shut-in, participate in a Spiritual Enrichment Group, or work in our church garden. Think about what kind of time you would like to contribute to A2U2 to make our church an even better place.

Talent . . .

. . . Is something we all have in abundance! Whether your talent is sewing, singing, computer assistance, cooking, carpentry, social action or socializing, there is a need for your participation. Look at the list on the back of this booklet and check off the activities that especially interest you. We will connect you with others who share in that work.

Treasure . . .

. . . Is what you contribute each month financially to the church. At A2U2, we do this by making a pledge of the amount we plan to give, so that the church can plan accordingly. This is how we keep the lights and heat on, enable all our committees to do their work, and most importantly, pay our wonderful minister and staff.

In this booklet, you will find a chart that may be helpful in determining how much to give. Please know, however, that we honor pledges of any amount since we are aware that financial situations are diverse. We invite you to make a pledge that reflects the importance of our church in your life. We are happy to have a conversation about this if you would like.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a pledge?

Each year we are asked to renew our covenant with each other by making two pledges to fuel our mission. One is our financial (or *Treasure*) pledge, to support the church's staff, building and programs. The other is a service (or *Time and Talent*) pledge, by which we resolve to volunteer in service to our community. The other Frequently Asked Question below refers primarily to your *financial* pledge. Please complete and sign **both** the *Treasure* and the *Time and Talent* pledge forms at the end of this booklet.

Am I expected to renew and pledge each year in order to maintain my membership?

We strongly encourage annual pledging, believing it is an important part of membership. Pledging means you are sharing responsibility for supporting our congregation, its programs, and the space in which we worship and work together.

