



A river is a remarkable thing. It carves paths through stone, sustains ecosystems, and flows with a force that seems singular. Yet, if you trace that river back to its origins, you won't find one massive source - you will find thousands of tiny, individual streams. Some are rushing rapids; others are quiet trickles. The river needs all of them to reach the sea.

Our church operates the same way. UCE is self-supporting. We don't receive funding from a denomination; we are sustained solely by the streams of support from our members.

When we talk about pledging, it's easy to get caught up in the numbers. But the heart of this campaign isn't about the size of the gift - it's about the act of contribution.

It's about connection: Your pledge is your way of saying, "I am part of this flow."

It's about equity: We recognize that every stream has a different volume. What matters is that your "stream" joins the rest. Whether it is a rushing torrent or a steady drip, it adds to our collective depth.

Your annual pledge is what allows our programs to run, our choir to sing, and our doors to remain open as a sanctuary for liberal religious thought. As you reflect on your pledge this year, don't ask if your contribution is "enough" compared to others. Simply ask yourself: "Am I ready to add my stream to the river?"

If you have any questions about your donations to the church or how the church's finances work, please contact me at any time. I will be in church the last two Sundays in March and would be happy to discuss your pledge with you.



Canvass is over at the end of March. Once I know what our donation stream will be, I will finalize our budget for next year. Please return your pledge before March 31st.

[Pledge now at this link!](#)