

A Guide to Pledging at UCV

1. How and when do I pledge?

Online. Go to ucv.im/pledge-form, complete the form, and submit it. **This is the simplest option.**

By mail, email, or phone. Print and complete your pledge forms and mail them to Gordon Lowe, Bookkeeper, Vancouver Unitarians, 949 West 49th Ave., Vancouver BC V5Z 2T1, or phone Gordon at 604 261-7204 ext 2 or scan and email your forms as attachments to accounting@vancouverunitarians.ca.

In person. Fill out a pledge form anytime and leave it at the church office.

How do I pay for my pledge? You have *many* options. You can pay by cheque, pre-authorized deposit (PAD) from your financial institution, direct deposit to the UCV Breeze database, E-transfer, text message, cash in marked envelopes at Sunday Services when those resume, or by a donation of securities. (Contact the church office for the procedure). For a new PAD, please provide UCV with a cheque marked *void*. See further instructions regarding these methods on the **UCV Pledge Form** included in this package.

When do I pledge? Please pledge during our annual pledge drive **throughout April**, since this helps the Board set our budget for the next fiscal year and saves lots of phoning by the Canvass Committee!

Tax Deductibility? All donations over \$20 can be claimed as charitable donations. Please check the [CRA website](#) to calculate your possible tax deduction. (The table below gives excerpts from this website.)

2. How much should I pledge?

We all have different financial circumstances. Some people have little money but do lots of volunteer work. But money is needed too! Those who are in fortunate financial circumstances are needed to keep our UCV flame well oxygenated. Pledging more than in the past renews both UCV and you, as you'll feel a warm glow from feeding our fiscally fit flame. A minimum annual donation of \$120 or equivalent contribution of record is required to remain a Member in good standing.

Income Before Taxes (\$)	20,000	30,000	40,000	50,000	70,000	100,000	150,000	200,000
% to UCV	2%	3%	3%	3%	3.5%	4%	4.5%	5%+
Annual Pledge	400	900	1,200	1,500	2,450	4,000	7,000	10,000+
Income tax credit	128	346	477	608	1,023	1,701	3,012	4,323+
Cost to Donor	272	554	723	892	1,427	2,299	3,988	5,677+

3. How important is UCV compared to other worthy causes to which I donate?

UCV is our community. It provides each of us with many things: interesting friends and colleagues; lifelong spiritual renewal and support; inspiring sermons and worship; ethical action to advance social, racial, indigenous, and environmental justice; spiritual education and exploration for children and adults; and wonderful, participatory music and art. All of this is provided within a compassionate and visionary community, and magnificent heritage buildings and grounds. Because each of us is a unique part of the UCV community, UCV deserves the highest priority in our decisions about giving. As the late Harold Brown (our wonderful music director for many years) was fond of saying: "What I love about pledging at UCV is that it's sort of one-stop shopping for so many things that I care about."

Thanks for your generosity!

Your 2022-23 Canvass Team