



## Growing Our Community - Investing in Mission 2026/2027 Annual Stewardship Drive Matching Fund Opportunity!

The UU Fellowship at Stony Brook is alive and thriving because of you. We make it happen by pooling our good ideas, willing hands, hard-earned dollars, and passionate faith in what is possible when good people put themselves into the project of making a durable loving community.

It's Stewardship Season and we are on the threshold of a transformative year as we emerge from a season of transition, act to respond to a tumultuous world in our larger community, seek a new contract-to-call minister, and welcome in a new generation to our Fellowship. You are the key to making an ambitious vision of our new Fellowship a reality. This year, in a special opportunity, a small group of our dedicated financial leaders have made an effort to increase their giving so we have a matching fund to encourage new giving. The entire increase in your gift will be matched from the fund, doubling your impact and what we can do next year! If you are able to step up your giving during the next fiscal year (July 2026-June 2027) by 25% (a collective increase we are stretching toward), it will go toward balancing our budget and investing in a new generation of talent to help lead.



<h2>How much should I pledge?</h2> <p>This chart provides one way to think about your answer. A “pledging unit” is an individual or household who has promised to support our congregation financially. Consider pledging an amount (per week or per month) that would feel really good to give.</p>	<h2>Actual 2025/26 Pledges (per pledging unit)</h2> <p>112 pledging units have pledged a total of \$236,167 for the current fiscal year.</p>	<h2>Target 2026/2027</h2> <p>The financial goal for 2026/2027 is: \$300,000 What can you pledge to support our mission and help our congregation thrive? Please consider increasing your pledge by 25% or more for the upcoming fiscal year, or moving up to the next level if you are able.</p>
	<p>If you have a job that pays well, a good pension, or income-producing assets, you may be able to pledge at the Red level. Perhaps your mortgage is paid off, your kids are launched, and you now have the pleasure of supporting your spiritual home in this way. Red households currently pledge \$6,000-\$18,000.</p>	<p>Red group units pledged \$6,000-\$18,000. Total: \$74,392</p>
	<p>Orange means you generally have enough money to meet your needs. You may have kids in college or other obligations that reduce your discretionary income. Orange households currently pledge \$4000-\$5,900.</p>	<p>Orange group units pledged \$4000-\$5,900. Total: \$26,800</p>
	<p>Yellow means you may be living on a fixed income or maybe your income is up one year and down the next. Yellow households currently pledge \$2,500-\$3,900.</p>	<p>Yellow group units pledged \$2,500-\$3,900. Total: \$50,560.</p>
	<p>Green means you may be living modestly, maybe paying for daycare, or helping other family members. Green households currently pledge \$1,000-\$2,400.</p>	<p>Green group units pledged \$1,000-\$2,400. Total: \$65,305</p>
	<p>Blue means you may not have a lot of money to spare. You may be living on a limited income and/or are paying off significant loans or medical debt. We honor that some of you may be giving all that you can financially.</p>	<p>Blue group units pledged \$100-\$900. Total: \$19,110.</p>

We truly appreciate your current level of support and are grateful for all of your contributions. If, however, you are able to stretch to make a larger pledge for the fiscal year 2026/2027, you will be helping UUFSB to move toward a sustainable future and the ability to better serve our mission in the world.



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