

What is Stewardship?

Stewardship is “the activity of protecting and being responsible for something.”

Stewardship at WHUUF is everyone generously giving of their time, talent, and treasure to protect and be responsible for each other, our faith, our fellowship, and the wider world. Through stewardship we build our beloved, compassionate community.

Stewardship is often equated with money but it encompasses so much more. It is a way of life. It calls for the integration between our faith and the way we live our lives. It is a mindset, a discipline, and a culture that transcends the annual pledge drive.

Stewardship is a matter of the heart. It means I am grateful for all the time, talent, and treasure entrusted to me. It is my privilege to generously share, with gratitude for all that I have earned and all that has been given to me. I give to protect the earth, protect all life, and serve my neighbors through my faith and my fellowship.

I was taught that the world had a lot of problems; that I could struggle and change them; that intellectual and material gifts brought privilege and the responsibility of sharing with those less fortunate; and that service is the rent each of us pays for living—the very purpose of life and not something you do in your spare time or after you have reached your personal goals.

—Marion Wright Edelman



*Don't give until it hurts,
give until it feels good!*



*Give what's right,
not what's left!*



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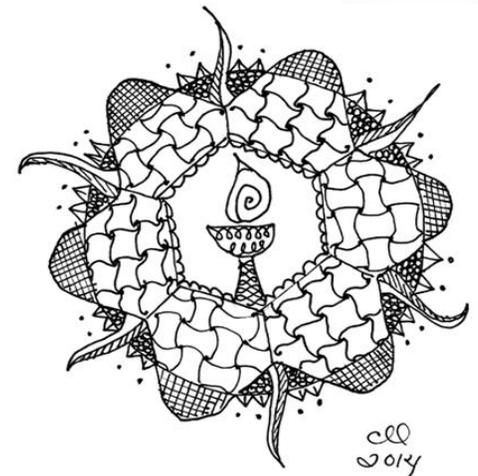
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We are Building a New Way

2016-17 FINANCIAL
STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN



West Hills Unitarian
Universalist Fellowship

We are building a new way. . .

Here at WHUUF we are building a new way; honoring the past and boldly moving into the future. To fully embrace our mission of Inspiration, Compassion, and Service we need to financially support our staff, programs, and infrastructure.

It is imperative that we embrace our financial responsibilities. This means fair compensation for our staff, sufficient funding for our programs and ministries, and fulfillment of our obligations to our denomination, in addition to simply keeping the doors open and our monthly bills paid. Without these commitments, our beloved community cannot thrive.

Our experience this past year has clearly confirmed the spiritual leadership and compassionate community care our minister provides. If we are to build the beloved community so many of us yearn for, we must consider expanding Rev. Sarah's position to three-quarter time.

Neither can we ignore the needs of our buildings and grounds. Our beautiful home in the woods must be not only welcoming, but safe, secure, clean, and well kept. It is the physical structure from

which we live our mission, and it is past time to reinvest in the vision our founders bequeathed to us.

Yes, our goal for this year's pledge drive is a stretch, but we are a caring, generous people with the heart to step up and gratefully fund our mission and vision. With each of us giving as generously as we can, we will be able to truly live our mission as *together we plant seeds of Inspiration, grow in Compassionate Community, and bloom with Service to the Wider World.*

May it be so.



We are grateful for every contribution!

The generous financial support of members and friends is what keeps WHUUF going and growing.

Why we pledge . . .



Our Faith

We believe in the seven principles of our faith. We work to build our beloved community.



We are working to make our world a place where no one is hungry; no one lives in fear; where we all live in love, peace, and justice.



Our Community

None of us acting alone can achieve what we can achieve working together.

**Our mission *deserves* our support!
Our mission *deserves* our pledges!**