



First Parish

a liberal religious community welcoming to all

first gathered 1739

became Unitarian 1829

First Universalist Society organized 1840

First Parish Unitarian Universalist created from their merger 1965

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We invite you to pledge based on what generosity might feel like in your household. The color categories below represent different household financial realities. We hope that this guide is helpful to you as you decide what amount to pledge this year.

Red: Sometimes, committed members are only able to make a modest financial commitment to First Parish. They might be experiencing a difficult time financially due to health, employment status, or another cause of economic hardship. People in every life circumstance are welcome at First Parish, and we invite you to consider how you can support the congregation financially. You are also invited to speak with one of our ministers about supporting you with community resources or pastoral care. **A red pledge is between \$1-24 per month, \$12-\$299 per year.**

Orange: An orange pledge comes from a household without a lot of extra money. Orange pledges may come from a single parent household, or someone who is underemployed, living on Social Security, supporting a large family or caring for others in their home. We are grateful for all forms of generosity. **An orange pledge is between \$25-99 per month, \$300-1,199 per year.**

Yellow: A yellow pledge comes from a household that is comfortable but lives modestly. This household may be living on a fixed income, or may have an income that is up one year and down the next. **A yellow pledge is between \$100-249 per month, \$1,200-2,999 per year.**

Green: A green pledge comes from a household that has resources. This household can easily pay bills on time (unless they go in the recycling bin by accident!) and has a cushion for family vacations or other discretionary spending. **A green pledge is between \$250-499 per month, \$3,000-5,999 per year.**

Blue: A blue pledge comes from a household that is financially comfortable. Perhaps they have a well-paying job, a robust retirement fund, or other assets. A blue pledge comes from a household with discretionary income, who has perhaps recently traveled abroad, or can if they choose. **A blue pledge is between \$500-915 per month, \$6,000-10,999 per year.**

Purple: A person or family who makes a purple pledge has secure finances. A purple pledge comes from a person or family for whom travel is often possible, or who might own more than one home. **A purple pledge is more than \$916 per month, more than \$11,000 per year.**

First Parish Pledges 2025-2026 Fiscal Year

		Range Per Month		Range Per Year	
	Number of Pledges	Low	High	Low	High
Red	22	\$1	\$24	\$12	\$299
Orange	79	\$25	\$99	\$300	\$1,199
Yellow	78	\$100	\$249	\$1,200	\$2,999
Green	68	\$250	\$499	\$3,000	\$5,999
Blue	16	\$500	\$915	\$6,000	\$10,999
Purple	14	\$916 or more		\$11,000 or more	