



What do you LOVE about Accotink Church?

What brings you back Sunday after Sunday? Community? Music? Sermons? Religious Education for Children? For Adults? Social Justice? Whatever it is, you are part of a great legacy of service and worship. AUUC has great DNA!

We are the recipients of generous gifts of many who bought this land, built our building, and funded our staff. Now we step up to honor the gifts of those who founded our church over 35 years ago by discerning what we can give to assure Accotink's long-term financial and institutional viability. There are many good causes competing for all our generosity. But church is the one place we can wrestle with the world of ideas, explore our own relation to the holy, teach our children to be the best religious thinkers of their age, serve the needs of the homeless and hungry, worship what deserves our ultimate allegiance, listen to great music, and be held by our award-winning Pastoral Care Team in times of trial. And we can do this all while having the embodied experience of serving ourselves and one another in person, face-to-face, building the world we dream of starting with our own slice of Beloved Community here in Burke. How much can you give to preserve this temple of truth, AUUC, our Spiritual Home Beyond Belief?

Happy 35th Anniversary, Accotink!

Reverend Scott Sammler-Michael

35th Anniversary Budget

Our 35th Anniversary budget is not a stretch like some of the budgets we have proposed in recent times (all of which, however, you generously funded! Thanks!). We are seeking a modest increase in pledges (less than 6%) because we are at a good place. Accotink's 2015 Budget is roughly \$335,000, of which we need to raise about \$250,000 in pledges. If you have yet to be part of the generosity stream for our ministries and operations, please speak with Rev Scott, Jim Girard, or a member of the Pledge team.

How Much Do People Pledge per Year?

Pledges range from \$200 to nearly \$10,000 a year per pledge. Our median pledge is nearly \$2650 per year. Some do not have that much, and some have much more. We cannot all pledge the same amount, but ALL can pledge *SOMETHING*. Pledging is a sacred act and a religious duty for those who are able to give. For instance, Rev Anya and I 'tithe' – we give 10% of our income back to our churches. How much might you be able to pledge?

Where does the rest of our budget come from?

Rental income is the other major source of income. Currently, we are seeking one or two folks to assist Administrator Katie Cooke in locating renters for our facility. We believe that with the right congregational lay leader helping Katie we should be able to procure another \$15,000 - \$20,000 a year – but only if a friend or member leads this. Our Annual Services Auction also brings in roughly \$20,000 each year.

Why should I pledge and not simply drop money into the plate?

Pledging helps us know how much income to expect, and thereby helps us plan a sustainable budget to fund our ministries. All donations are gratefully received, but it is not easy for our financial team to manage our expenses without a somewhat accurate guide as to how much income to expect. Pledging makes everything easier for our leaders.

35th Anniversary Generosity Campaign 2015

ACCOTINK UNITARIAN
UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

A Spiritual Home Beyond Belief

Minister: Rev. Scott Sammler-Michael



AUUC is an open and nurturing community of faith. We foster each individual's spiritual journey, and we share common values while honoring a diversity of beliefs. Together, we cherish our connection to nature, and we act to transform our world into a more embracing and just community.

Let there be an offering to sustain and strengthen this place which is sacred to so many of us, a community of memory and hope, for we are now keepers of the dream. Brandoch L. Lovely

In the Unitarian Universalist tradition, it is you, our members and friends, who own the building and everything in it. You are also the ones responsible for providing financial support for all the operations and ministries of this congregation. Your time, talent and treasure are what make our 'spiritual home base' on Lakehaven Court a vital provider of service to the community. Here, we learn to be our best selves, offer pastoral care for one another, and deepen our personal spiritual journeys.

So how do we use our resources in a way that honors our 35th anniversary while also securing our future vitality and sustainability?

Every Spring our Annual Generosity Campaign calls us to commit our personal resources to the ongoing work of our church:

- Sunday Programming— Worship, music, sermons, first-rate religious education for all ages
- Social Justice programs such as our Hypothermia Shelter; Outreach Collections; defending voting rights; promoting Affordable Housing; and more
- Inviting new folks into our community of love and justice, helping them find the beauty and nourishment we have found, including a Second service Sundays at 2pm.
- Stabilizing our staff by increasing Music Director Brad Rinaldo's hours so he can bring more music ministry into our common work
- Continuing to take care of our house and grounds in responsible ways that assure all who arrive here know us as good stewards of this professional religious institution

Our annual budget includes support of our national (UUA) and Regional (Joseph Priestley District) offices, which provide us with invaluable programmatic and administrative support, curricula, conflict resolution resources, and more. We receive no money from UU organizations; we fund them.

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

(Please list additional members below if more than one at this household.)

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Street Address: _____ Apt #: _____ P.O. Box: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: Home: _____ Work: _____ Mobile: _____

e-Mail Address: _____

Pledge Amount

I/We wish to contribute \$ _____ (per year per quarter per month) towards the stewardship of the Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church during the 2015/16 Fiscal Year (July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016).

Yes, I'd like to increase my current year pledge rate prorated to match the amount indicated above for the remainder of the fiscal year (April 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015).

Contributions to AUUC are fully tax deductible. Thank you for your support!

Payment Options—Mail a check to the office; or place cash (use envelope that includes your name and the word "pledge") or check in the offering plate (write "pledge" on memo line)

Check (for a one-time payment) Attached. Make check payable to "AUUC" and note "Pledge" in memo.

Direct Deposit Please transfer \$ _____ to AUUC, to be deducted (check one)

weekly bi-weekly (every two weeks) monthly (the first of each month)

bi-monthly (the first and 15th of each month) quarterly (Jan 1, Apr 1, July 1, Sept 1)

annually (July 1) or on (day/date) _____ / _____

Attach voided check **or** fill out the information below.

Bank Name: _____

Bank Address: _____

Routing Number (first 9 digits at bottom of check): _____

Account Number (8 digits at bottom of check): _____

Please contact me to schedule a one-on-one meeting with a stewardship canvasser.

Email your pledge form to administrator@accotinkuuc.org or

Mail your pledge form to AUUC • 10125 Lakehaven Ct • Burke, VA 22015

****all information will be kept secure and confidential****

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