

What is the Annual Pledge Campaign?

The Annual Pledge Campaign is the main source of revenue for the “FirstU” congregation.

This year’s campaign, held through October and November 2020 will secure financial support for FirstU throughout 2021, for all its resources and programs.



Rev. Pat Haresch and Kylan

Why do we give?

The FirstU community shows its generosity in many ways: with our time, with our compassion, with our ideas, and with our spirit. We also need to follow through with financial generosity. Proper funding allows FirstU to achieve its many aspirations: liberal religious exploration, social justice and building community.



FirstU has a proud history of support for social justice causes, including **environmental action, which is our focus over the next three year.** See <https://tinyurl.com/FirstU-Ottawa-Climate-Action> . We have provided financial and volunteer support for refugees and for those struggling to remain in their war-torn or internally conflicted countries. We have sought justice for UN designated refugees, for Syrian families fleeing the destruction of their country, and for those struggling in Palestine, Nepal or Tibet. And we have been working with Indigenous partners to fulfill the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

With this campaign, we ask you to pledge your financial support for the year 2021, so that we may Grow our Generosity by:

- ✦ Supporting our music and ministries that week after week inspire us and feed our soul
- ✦ Welcoming newcomers regardless of age, faith, ethnicity, orientation or identity
- ✦ Demonstrating our commitment to Embracing Diversity in all its wonderful forms
- ✦ Developing a thriving, growing community that meets the spiritual needs of existing members and newcomers

When and how should I give?

Giving regularly

For your own budgeting, you may prefer regular monthly donations. We encourage this; it helps with FirstU’s budget too!

You can donate via Pre-Authorized Chequing (PAC), or by Credit Card. Contact Michelle Jackson to set up a payment plan that suits your needs. Alternatively, you can provide monthly post-dated cheques.

Of course, you can also donate regularly by Sunday Service plate offerings, either in person if the FirstU site is open or electronically. See the Pledge Form for details.

Giving by one-time gift

You may prefer giving by an annual one-time cheque. We require donations for the 2021 Annual Pledge Campaign to be post-dated for 2021, Note that all donations are receipted in the year in which they are received. Of course we encourage donations at any time.

You can also donate publicly-traded shares. Our Finance Manager Michelle Jackson has special forms to accomplish this in a tax-efficient manner.



How much should I give?

Growing our generosity

How much to give very much depends on your personal situation. If you would like some guidance please contact stewardship@firstunitarianottawa.ca

Remember what you get back

Charitable donations result in a tax credit when filing your income taxes. Sample credits for a taxable \$40K income in Ontario are shown below.

CRA Charitable donations Calculator

Monthly	Annually	Tax credit
\$50	\$600	+\$200.74
\$100	\$1200	+\$441.74
\$200	\$2400	+\$923.62
\$300	\$3600	+\$1405.54

Consider increasing your PAC

If you are already donating by PAC, we thank you for your steadfast commitment. This campaign is an ideal time to consider increasing your monthly donation for the start of 2021.

A Pledge Form is included with your mailed package and also available on the Web Site at that fully explains the Pledging & Contribution Method options. See <https://tinyurl.com/2021PC-Pledge-Form>

“I give so there is a place for truth and hope to grow.”

– C.T. FirstU Member since 2001

Who should give?

All of us who benefit from the FirstU community, we are all stewards. Members commit to providing ongoing financial support to the Congregation’s operations, and many others give too.

If you are part of the FirstU community, but not yet a member, you can contact the Welcome & Membership Team to find out more about the benefits of a stronger connection through membership.

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