



Unitarian Universalist Church in Reston

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Giving to UUCR

UUCR is self-funded and relies on the generosity of its Members to fund the operations, programs and community outreach that are essential elements of our commitment to affirm and promote the seven Principles of the UU Faith. Below are some frequently asked questions about donating to UUCR.

FAQ About Donating to UUCR

How can I pay my pledge or donate funds to UUCR?

There are several ways to donate to UUCR. You can:

- Write a personal check or give cash
- Set up payments to come directly from your bank. (Many banks will mail a check regularly to UUCR at no cost to you.)
- Give electronically via our secure online payment page
- Give electronically using our mobile app, EasyTithe

What is the best way to make payments?

Each of these payment options has advantages and benefits. Writing a personal check or paying with cash allows you to personally give your donation to UUCR. Automated bank payments and online giving options enable you to easily set up recurring payments which ensures your donations are sent even when you are out of town or unable to attend a service. The most important consideration in choosing how you will donate is what works best for you.

How are donations used?

Pledges support our worship and music programs, our religious education program, programs for members and friends, community outreach, and connections to Unitarian Universalism. Our budget reflects our mission and vision.

Can I specify what fund my donation supports?

Absolutely! Via any of our giving methods, you designate exactly which fund you would like your donation to benefit. On checks, you can specify the fund in the memo line, e.g. "Pledge." On our giving website, standard giving options such as "Pledge" and "Charity of the Month" will be available as well as an "Other" option that you can specify via text entry.

What is UUCR's charity of the month? How does it work?

Each month, UUCR selects a charity as a beneficiary. UUCR passes on 100% of the donation value collected from you directly to the charity. To donate via check, please remit a check to UUCR with the charity name or "charity of the month" in the memo line. Donations can also be made online using the "charity of the month" giving option. Additionally, all cash collected during worship on the 2nd Sunday of each month will go directly to the charity.

Does UUCR benefit from online giving?

Online giving allows UUCR to streamline administrative process which in turn allows us to focus more time on our ministries. Online giving also encourages stabilized recurring giving so that we can better anticipate our monthly income.

What company is UUCR using to provide online giving services?

We have partnered with EasyTithe to provide this service on our behalf. This company serves thousands of churches.

Is EasyTithe secure?

EasyTithe has the highest security standards and is PCI Level 1 Compliant. Additionally, UUCR will never see your bank or credit/debit card information, only giving amounts.

If I give online, what can I put in the offering basket?

Online giving offertory cards will be available at each entrance to the Sanctuary. You can pick one up and place it in the offertory basket. This enables you to participate in this special element of worship.

What if I try online giving and I don't like it?

You can cancel your online giving payments at any time.

Can I use my credit/debit card for online giving?

At this time, UUCR kindly requests that you use only bank transactions for Pledges, Auction Payments, and Charity of the Month donations.

Can I view my donations online?

Yes! You can view all online donations using the mobile app. Donations made by check or cash will not appear on EasyTithe. Additionally, you will receive a confirmation email for each donation. You may obtain your complete donation statement from the Treasurer upon request.

How much does EasyTithe cost?

Online giving at UUCR does not cost you anything. UUCR pays a 1-3% fee on each transaction on your behalf. The fee we pay is based on the transaction type.

How do I find out more about online giving at UUCR?

More information on online giving is available on our website at www.UUReston.org/giving.