

SAMPLE APF BUDGET PLANNING ARTICLE FOR DISTRICT NEWSLETTERS

About Your Annual Program Fund Fair Share*

Each year your congregation is asked to contribute to the Unitarian Universalist Association's Annual Program Fund (APF) as one significant way of living out its promise of mutual trust and support for the more than 1000 member congregations of our Association.

Each member congregation is expected to contribute its "fair share" of the UUA's annual operating income, based on a per member requested contribution set by the UUA Board. To fulfill this expectation, it is important for your congregation to plan ahead in your annual budgeting process.

When you provide for your Fair Share contribution in your annual budget:

- You can take pride in doing your part to fund the work of Unitarian Universalism in congregations and in the wider world.
- You can take pride in doing your part to fund the Washington, DC Office which brings our liberal religious voice to the public discourse at the seat of our government.
- You can take pride in doing your part to fund the Beacon Press, a respected leader publishing books on a wide range of relevant and timely topics, and Skinner House, which publishes books and curricula resources of particular interest for UU congregations and religious professionals.
- You can take pride in doing your part to fund the *UU WORLD* Magazine and the online UU World Weekly <http://www.uuworld.org/> which bring news and stories of congregations living our values into our UU homes and link us together.
- You can take pride in doing your part to fund the collective services of our congregations like those that develop curricula for our Religious Education programs, credential UU ministers and religious education professionals, provide settlement assistance for religious professionals, along with training, information, workshops and resources-the tools.
- You can take pride in doing your part to fund the UUA website, including the online InterConnections resource library, e-mail lists, stewardship and staff compensation information.
- You can take pride in doing your part to fund efforts promote growth of Unitarian Universalism, through congregational growth workshops, new congregation supports, and marketing resources to attract those seeking a spiritual home.
- You can take pride in supporting your District through contributing to both Annual Program Fund and District Dues, since it relies on both sources of funding for its staff, programs, and consulting services.

Thank you for your support of our District and our Association!

For more information about the Annual Program Fund, visit: www.uua.org/giving/annualprogram