Unitarian Universalist Congregational Stewardship, Staffing & Finance Resources and Services

Unitarian Universalist Association website:  http://www.uua.org

Congregational Stewardship Services:  http://www.uua.org/cde/fundraising/
  Wayne Clark, Director,  wclark@uua.org,  207-829-4550
  Robin Nelson, Program Manager,  rnelson@uua.org,  617-948-4251

Suggested Annual Fair Share Giving Guide:
  http://www.uua.org/cde/fundraising/suggestedgivingguide.html

Stewardship and Development Office:  http://www.uua.org/giving
  Rev. Terry Sweetser, VP, Stewardship and Development & Sr. Advisor to the President

Annual Program Fund of the Unitarian Universalist Association
  http://www.uua.org/giving/apf/index.html
  Laurel Amabile, Director, Annual Program Fund,  lamabile@uua.org,  207-239-7162
  Scott Robbins, APF Assistant Director,  apf@uua.org,  617-948-6512

Information for UU Congregation Treasurers
  http://www.uua.org/giving/apf/treasurer.html

Sources of Congregational Grants

UUA Bookstore
  http://www.uua.org/bookstore/
  Offers a wide variety of books on congregation financial planning, stewardship, annual canvass, environmental stewardship, generosity and giving for all ages

The Joy of Giving, by Fia Scheyer and Ruth Lewellen-Dix, 2000, UUA
  For more information or online curriculum, contact Laurel Amabile,  lamabile@uua.org.

Office of Church Staff Finance:
  http://www.uua.org/leaders/leaderslibrary/clergyhousing/index.shtml
  http://www.uua.org/leaders/leaderslibrary/clergyhousing/index.shtml
  http://www.uua.org/leaders/leaderslibrary/leaderslibrary/22643.shtml
**Books by UU Authors** (available from the UUA Bookstore)


Durall, Michael, *Beyond the Collection Plate: Overcoming Obstacles to Faithful Giving*, Abington Press. UUA Bookstore item #7040. $16.00/copy.

Heller, Anne Odin, *Churchworks: A Well-Body Book for Congregations*, UUA Bookstore item #7008. $20.00/copy.


Thayer, Robert, *Offerings: Remarks on Passing the Plate*, 2004, Skinner House, UUA Bookstore item #7193. $8.00/copy.

*New in 2009-2010 from the UUA Bookstore!! “Giving & Generosity Set” includes three book titles—a $52.00 value for only $45.00. UUA Bookstore item #7425.*

**Ecumenical Stewardship Resources**

The Ecumenical Stewardship Center
1100 West 42nd St, Suite 25
Indianapolis, IN 46208-3304
800-835-5671

GIVING is an annual magazine publication of the Ecumenical Stewardship Center, an affordable resource for religious organizations.
Center for Christian Stewardship (United Methodist Church)  
[www.stewardshipcenter.org](http://www.stewardshipcenter.org)  
David Bell, Director, [dbell@gbod.org](mailto:dbell@gbod.org), 877-899-2780

Congregational Resources  
[http://www.congregationalresources.org/ShowCat.asp?CN=1&cSCN=33](http://www.congregationalresources.org/ShowCat.asp?CN=1&cSCN=33)

The Alban Institute  
[http://www.alban.org](http://www.alban.org)  
2121 Cooperative Way, Suite 100  
Herndon, VA  20171  
(800) 964-2700

Alban Bookstore, Training programs, Consulting Services, and Research  
[http://www.alban.org/Education.asp](http://www.alban.org/Education.asp)  

Augsburg Fortress  
[www.augsburgfortress.org](http://www.augsburgfortress.org), 1-800-328-4648


*Growing A Grateful, Generous Heart* is a curriculum set which includes a Leader Guide, Parent/Family Resource, and booklets for children in four different age groupings. The basic message is that of biblical stewardship, with engaging and age-appropriate activities and easy-to-follow format.


The Search-Institute (Lutheran)  http://www.search-institute.org/
Searchable website with a wide range of resources, including the topics of stewardship.

Stewardship for Life (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America)
http://www.stewardshipoflife.org/

This book uses the personal stories and practical advice of global activist, Lynne Twist, to demonstrate how to examine our attitudes toward money and how we earn it, spend it, save it and give it away. Strong message of transformation.

Practical tips and inspiring thoughts for living a life of abundance and spirit-filled generosity. Giving as worship; giving as stewardship; giving as charity; and giving as justice are the topics.


Books and Online Resources on Philanthropy, Charitable Giving, and Personal Finance


Choose to Save, (all ages) website:  http://www.choosetosave.org/brochures/


Outlines a new path of financial and personal growth based on insights from the world's spiritual and wisdom traditions. Features eight financial archetypes to help readers understand their own financial habits, and exercises to transform one's financial life from the inside out.


Learning to Give (all ages)  http://www.learningtogive.org/  Note: This website is chock full of resources for religious organization, educators, parents, children and youth, younger and older
adults. Included are a variety of interactive activities and numerous links to relevant sites and organizations.

**Moonjar** (all ages) [www.moojar.com](http://www.moojar.com)  A program of saving, sharing, and spending that features special boxes with three compartments for each. Links to the Seattle Foundation resources for children and parents found at: [http://www.moonjar.com/Philanthropy.aspx](http://www.moonjar.com/Philanthropy.aspx)


The Seattle Foundation, [http://www.seattlefoundation.org/page28211.cfm#17741anchor](http://www.seattlefoundation.org/page28211.cfm#17741anchor), has three downloadable booklets on individual philanthropic giving and generosity: *Growing Up Giving*, *Giving with a Mission*, and *Give With Your Heart and Mind*.

**Sources of Readings, Prayers, and Meditations for Worship and Small Group Ministries**


**Books on Giving and Generosity for Parents and Religious Educators**

A mother’s message to her sons and other people’s children in the form of twenty-five lessons for life as moral, caring individuals. This is also good reading for teen youth and young adults.

This book provides adult mentors with ideas for helping children and youth organize successful charitable projects, to evaluate which charities to support, team-building, and real stories.

This book offers dozens of simple family activities to engage children of any age in learning the value of giving their time, talents and money to people and causes they care about.

This book provides the principles and practices to help youth develop generosity and service to others as ways of life.

An easy-to-read practical guide for parents seeking to introduce their children to charitable giving and volunteering.

**Books on Giving and Generosity for Children, Youth, and All Ages**

This beautifully illustrated picture book tells the story of a generous quiltmaker who finally agrees to make a quilt for a greedy king, but only under certain conditions. In the end, she causes the king to undergo a change of heart.

The story of Miss Alice Rumphius—known as the “Lupine Lady”—who grew up hearing the stories of her beloved grandfather and decided upon three things she wanted to do: to see faraway places, to return and live by the sea, and to make the world more beautiful.
Set in an urban setting with multicultural illustrations, this is a story of a girl who sets about transforming a vacant lot into a community garden, inspiring her neighbors to take part in its creation and upkeep.

A boy spends the day with his uncle in the soup kitchen, preparing and serving food for the hungry in his local area.

The central character to this activity book is an ant, Ant Philomena, nicknamed Ant Phil. Ant Phil teaches young people about philanthropy through engaging activities and understandable language and stories.

Wisdom tales drawn from many cultures and traditions are presented in a framework of the seven principles of Unitarian Universalism and its six sources of faith. It is designed as a resource for parents, religious educators, ministers and seekers, and offers ways to use the stories in multigenerational settings.

This story book is for young children, featuring behaviors of giving and sharing among family, friends, and in community.

Ma has made a dozen delicious cookies. It should be plenty for her two children. But then the doorbell rings---and rings and rings and rings. Great message about generosity and sharing for young children.

A little mole living underground decides to learn to play violin. As he does so the mole’s music is heard above ground and without his knowing, influences and transforms those above who hear it.

God comes alive in a variety of multicultural, non-sexist forms—as transcendent mystery, the mother and father of life, peace and silence, light and darkness, and more. This book offers stories for young and old that speak to God as a source of abundance and life’s blessings.

A story for all ages with lovely Asian watercolor illustrations, the author retells this familiar old trickster tale, combining his love for Zen Buddhism and Eastern culture in celebrating the power of generosity.
The story of a beautiful fish that learns to make friends by sharing his most prized possessions—his shimmering scales.

A story of two boys - one with the only doodle flute around and one who wants to have one - come to an agreement on how to best share this special item.

Based on the author's childhood experience, this moving story promotes an appreciation of diversity and generosity.

Beginning with a message to parents, this book contains folktales and fables that illustrate giving and generosity. In addition, there are activities for families, including the practice of the “Giving Box.”

A young girl sees a vacant lot in her community and sets about the process of transforming the lot into a community park for all to enjoy.

Written as a workbook for children in the primary grades, provides a fun way to learn about generosity, to identify the causes they care about, and to discover ways to give and to keep a record of their giving.
NOTE: This book may not be perceived as inclusive to all socio-economic groups and may require balancing messages about “helping others” to be inclusive of educational or family background, income levels diversity.

A little band that parades through town, making positive changes along the way.

Yearning for freedom and schooling for himself and the other children who toil in a carpet factory in Pakistan to repay loans from the factory owner to their parents, Nadeem is inspired by a former carpet boy named Iqbal to lead the way.

This book describes the various forms money can take—coins, paper, personal checks—and how it can be used to make purchases, pay off loans, or build interest in the bank.

This book features eight stories and seasonal celebrations of the pagan year. This book lends itself to stewardship of the earth and giving/receiving/gratitude.


A story set in Africa about Mufaro and his two beautiful daughters—one selfish and mean and the other kind and generous.


This book is a collection of 26 stories featured in the uu&me! magazine series published by the Church of the Larger Fellowship of the Unitarian Universalist Association. The stories provide a rich source of stories that promote generosity, service, and caring for our earth and its creatures. NOTE: The Dec 1998 issue of uu&me! features the theme of Giving and Getting.


This activity book is designed for ages 4-12 and teaches the concepts of Biblical Stewardship through a series of 52 activities. The authors grant permission to copy the activity pages for classroom use.


Written and published by the time she was twenty years old, Zeiler researched and listed a variety of worthy organizations under the categories of people, animals, and the environment. This book includes inspirational stories about young people and their expressions of generosity.

**These books are among the set of five great UU children's books sold in the “Storybook Set” UUA Bookstore item #8207. $45.00 ($69.00 value!)

**Activities and Practices that Foster Generosity in Children and Youth**

- Worship experiences with opportunities for children and youth to contribute in the offertory, to assume leadership roles in the service, tell their stories, play music, and share their joys and concerns.
- Opportunities to volunteer in meaningful ways in congregational service activities and intergenerational events.
- Create leadership roles and training experiences for children and youth to contribute their skills and talents.
• Take the time to educate children and youth in the rights and responsibilities of membership, including ways that they can appropriately contribute financially as well as in service to the congregation and wider association.

• Give children and youth a voice in the budgetary and financial decisions that concern them. This may include decisions around contributing part of the offering to a social justice cause, fund-raising opportunities, youth group budget line.

• Tell the stories of the ways Unitarian Universalism and the congregation has made a difference in your life and in the wider world. Model generosity of spirit and giving.

• Worship or program leaders has a stack of crisp new dollar bills, one per child. Engage the children in conversation about different ways we get money (earn it, save it, receive it as a gift), and the things we do with it. Then play a game: give the children a chance to earn a dollar by playing. With two volunteers, hold one dollar up vertically and let it drop toward one’s outstretched finger & thumb. You need fast reflexes to catch it! If you catch it, you keep it! After a couple of practice demonstrations, pass out the dollars bills for the children to try in pairs. After everyone has a chance to play, there is a new round. Give each child a dollar and invite them to think about what they would do with their dollar. Would they spend it, save it, or give it away? Follow up with the children in a couple of weeks to ask them what they chose to do with the dollar they were given.

Unitarian Universalist Giving Opportunities for All Ages

• Giving and Generosity section of the UUA website: [http://www.uua.org/giving/index.shtml](http://www.uua.org/giving/index.shtml), for a variety of planned and Legacy giving programs, congregational, and individual giving opportunities.

• Association Sunday—annual congregational giving opportunity to fund special areas of UUA growth: [http://www.uua.org/giving/associationsunday/index.shtml](http://www.uua.org/giving/associationsunday/index.shtml)

• Friends of the UUA individual giving: [http://www.uua.org/giving/friendsuua/index.shtml](http://www.uua.org/giving/friendsuua/index.shtml)


• UU Partner Church Council: [http://www.uupcc.org/institutionalmem.htm](http://www.uupcc.org/institutionalmem.htm), supporting Unitarian Universalists around the world. Congregations may contribute funding to support partner churches in Khasi Hills, India, the Philippines, and Transylvania.


• The Living Tradition Fund: [http://www.uua.org/giving/donatenow/22692.shtml](http://www.uua.org/giving/donatenow/22692.shtml), which provides scholarships and financial assistance to ministers and seminarians.

• Church of the Larger Fellowship: [http://clf.uua.org/#](http://clf.uua.org/#), our online congregation, linking UUs around the world through publications, audio, and religious education programs. To contribute to CLF: [http://clf.uua.org/giving/](http://clf.uua.org/giving/)
• LREDA Endowment Fund:  http://www25.uua.org/lreda/
• UU Service Committee:  http://www.uusc.org/, this is the organization that sponsors the “Guest at Your Table” program of individual giving. The UU Service Committee has a number of other service projects to support.
• The Sienna Project: Building Schools in Guatemala. This non-profit organization is a living memorial to Sienna Lavanhar. The Sienna Project is connected to the Religious Education Program of the Unitarian Society of Ridgewood, New Jersey. For more information: www.siennaproject.com, or email: siennaproject@verizon.net
• District Chalice Lighters—Check the UUA website to find the district your congregation is part of to sign up as one of their Chalice Lighters. These are smaller donations made three or four times a year in support of congregations in your district.