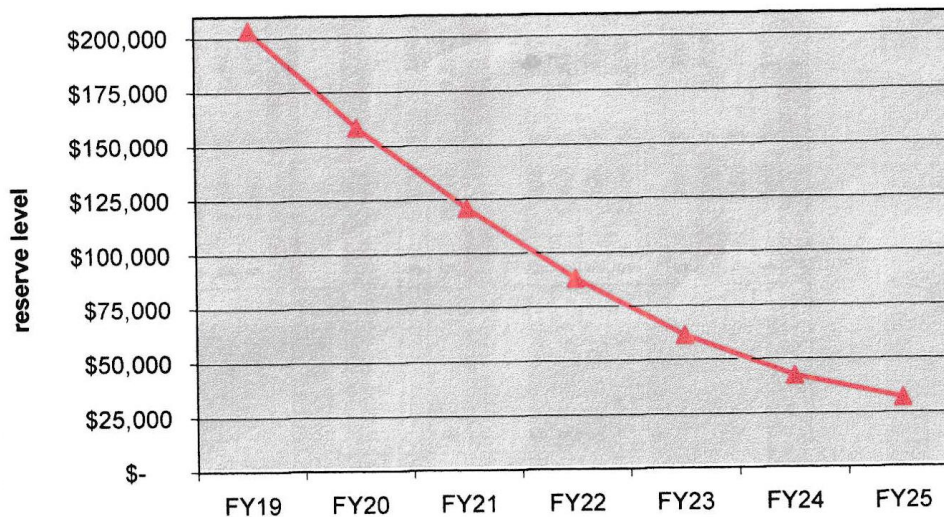


About our “Legacy Gift”

The UUFM Board, anticipating that we would call a settled full-time minister, began to build up our Reserve Fund back when Rev. Don Cameron served us as Interim Minister. Through the generosity of the congregation, careful budgeting, and several bequests we were able to build that fund to \$200,000 by the time we were ready to call Rev. Rita as our minister. While our annual operating income was too low to fully support all of our expenses, we could show her a plan that would draw down that Reserve in gradual steps over 7 years, at which time our annual income would balance our expenses and we would still maintain a prudent operating reserve of 10%

6 yr projection



To accomplish this, we need to grow our annual pledges by 8-10% a year for the remaining six years. Not all of this growth need come from existing pledges—new members and new pledges from current members will also be part of the solution.

This year, we will be asking everyone to pledge their support in March for the coming year. If you are already a pledging member, please consider increasing your pledge by 10%. If you are not a pledging member, please consider making this the year that you commit to supporting our liberal religious community. And know that a pledge of \$0 is always an option—we value your membership more than your money and know that you support us in whatever way you can.

So, our baseline goal for next year is to grow from \$125,000 to \$137,000 in pledged income. If we top that target, we will dedicate those additional funds to moving forward on our top priorities for advancing our mission, which we declare every Sunday when we light our chalice. Your committees and ministry teams are developing their lists as I write. Please share yours with them or with any member of the Board. This is our chance to dream together, and this kind of dreaming is good.