

Operating Pledge Drive, 2021-22

Our goal for next year's budget was to reach \$150,000 in pledges for the year. So far, the congregation (members and friends) have pledged \$149,681 from 68 households. Nine of those pledges were new, 3 of them from Friends of the congregation. Just about half of the pledges were an increase over last year's pledge—remarkable generosity and a significant vote of confidence in these times of COVID.

I say “so far,” because even though the pledge drive closed in April we seem to have a tradition that some of us wait until the last minute—and the last second, and even beyond—to declare their intentions. We may yet exceed our goal—15 members have yet to make their intentions known.

Also, we have received a challenge from an anonymous donor: If 10 people who have not pledged before make a pledge of at least \$1 by June 1, that donor will contribute \$5,000 to next year's budget. So far, 3 people/households have responded to that challenge (so even now, it's not too late to make your pledge count!).

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