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## The 8th Principle of Unitarian Universalism

Article II of the UUA By-laws consists of the following:

SECTION C-2.1. PRINCIPLES - Seven Principles & Six Sources

SECTION C-2.2. PURPOSES - The UUA serves congregations; implement principles

SECTION C-2.3. INCLUSION - Welcome all by changing structures of oppression

SECTION C-2.4. FREEDOM OF BELIEF - No Unitarian Universalist creed

The UUA Bylaws also state that “If no study process of Article II has occurred for a period of fifteen years, the Board of Trustees shall appoint a commission to study Article II for not more than two years and to recommend appropriate revisions, if any, thereto to the Board of Trustees for inclusion on the agenda of the next regular General Assembly (UUA Bylaws, Article XV, Section C-15.1).”

Although there have been some minor adjustments to Article II over the years, it has essentially been unchanged since 1987.

In the Fall of 2020, an Article II Study Commission was appointed to review Article II. They are completing the “study” portion of their work and are beginning to put together recommendations to the UUA Board who will then place such recommendations on the agenda for voting approval at UUA General Assembly 2023.

Amendments and modifications can (and likely will) be made at GA 2023. To fully modify Article II, a subsequent vote at GA 2024 will also need to take place.

Among other possible changes to Article II, the inclusion of an 8th Principle will likely be proposed. Although the wording may change somewhat, at this point the 8th principle is stated as follows (note that the principle itself begins with the word “Journeying.” The “We, the member congregations...” portion is the preamble to the principles as a whole):

**We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote: Journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multi-cultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions.**

If you wish to discuss the latest developments regarding Article II Study Commission, Jennifer Ratcliffe will be hosting a 2nd Hour course entitled “**Issues in Unitarian Universalism**” which will be held on Sundays 10/9, 10/16 and 10/30.

Nurture our spirit. Strive for Justice. Transform the world.

Dave

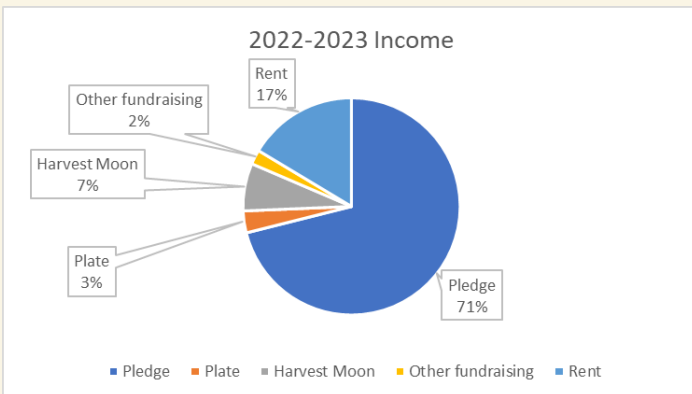


# Notes from the Board

Having served in the role of Treasurer for nearly 3 months now, I have a superb understanding of our financial situation (haha). The board and I thought that you too may be interested in where our money comes from and how it is spent, so allow me to share with you the inner workings of our financials.

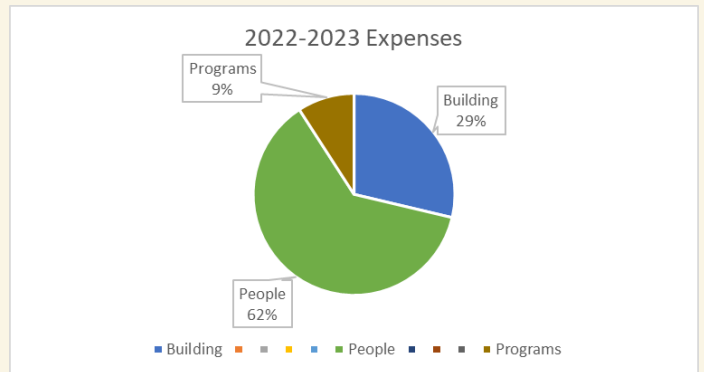
As most of you know, each spring we embark upon our annual stewardship campaign where each member is asked to identify their financial pledge amount for the upcoming fiscal year. We are given information about what a Fair Share Contribution looks like and are asked to consider the four commitment levels and keep our UU values in the forefront when we make our pledge. Using the Fair Share guide, each member is asked to contribute 2-10% of their income to support our congregation. The Board uses these pledge amounts to create the budget and relies upon these financial promises to pay for expenses throughout the year.

Pledge dollars account for a whopping 71% of our revenue, but we also have a few other very important revenue streams. Rent, primarily from The Premo School, accounts for 17% of our revenue. The Harvest Moon auction (to be held on November 5th this year) brings in at least 7%. Our plate collections on Sunday can bring in another 3% while other fundraising vehicles such as Amazon Smile, Kroger cards, Red bubble, Coffee House, Moravian Pies and art classes combine to contribute the final 2%.



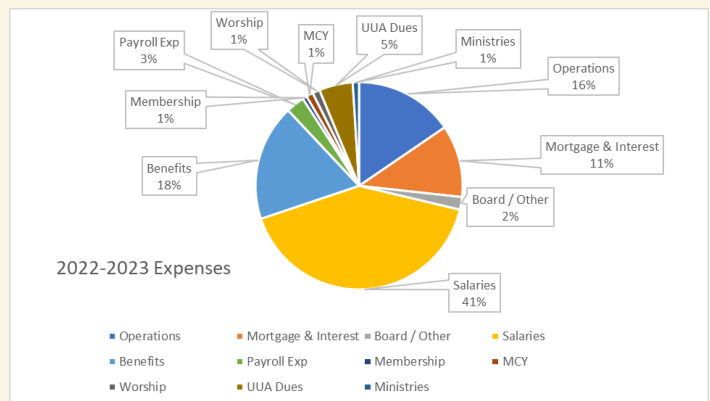
“That’s great!”, you may say, but what is the money used for? Pledge and other revenue sources support our worship and music programs, our religious education program, programs for members and friends, community outreach, and connections to Unitarian Universalism.

Our budget reflects our mission by providing a place to NURTURE OUR SPIRIT, fair pay and benefits to our people as we STRIVE FOR JUSTICE, and support for our ministries as we TRANSFORM THE WORLD.



As we look a little more closely into these broad categories, we gain a little more insight about how our money is working for and supporting our vision of justice. All of this is made possible because of you and your contribution no matter how great or small.

If you are interested in learning more about our finances, or if you’d like to play a role in our financial process, please join the finance committee that meets online at 7pm on the first Thursday of every month. We’re always looking for fresh perspectives and insights.



Jennifer Phillippi  
Treasurer, Board of Trustees

## North Fulton Community Charities

UUMAN has been a long time contributor to the FOOD PANTRY at NFCC. Covid put a temporary hold on that activity, but we are ready to get back and help our neighbors.

Rather than one designated Sunday, you may drop off your donations each Sunday. A basket with a list of needed items will be in the foyer by the back door.

Canned corn, broth, and hamburger helper are currently in great need. You may not know, but dry goods and cans past their printed expiration date are also accepted. Let's help the FOOD PANTRY so it can help our neighbors.

~ Sue Tromblee

## Religious Exploration News

Wow! What a month! The Religious Exploration (RE) team is so happy to report a super-successful first day of RE! The youth enjoyed an ice cream social before splitting up into their groups. For those of you not familiar with that, youth are divided by grade: K-2, 3-5, Junior (middle school), and Senior (high school). The groups worked on covenant building and get-to-know-you games. The rest of the month the groups are working on curriculum created by the UUA.

October is an exciting month! The first Sunday (10/2/22) will be the regular RE curriculum. The following week (10/9/22), there will be an all-ages RE gathering to celebrate Pride Month. I am working on coordinating with the other UU churches to attend ATL Pride. Please contact me if your youth and you would like to attend. This is not limited to youth; all are welcome to come! The next two following weeks (10/16/22 & 10/23/22) are currently scheduled as RE curriculum classes but may change to planning days.

"Planning days for what, Lexie?" The Autumn Festival! That's what!! Enjoy the following announcement, written by Lizzy Morang:

Hello, fellow UUMANS! The time of year is fast approaching where we give thanks for a (hopefully) fruitful spring and summer and honor the many traditions surrounding October 31st. Whether you celebrate Dia de Los Muertos, Samhain, Oktoberfest, Teng Chieh, or any of the thousands of other cultural festivals this time of year, we invite you to celebrate together with us. On Saturday, October 29, starting at 4pm, we will be holding an Autumn Carnival on the grounds at UUMAN. We will gather to play games, learn about different Autumn traditions from around the world, share treats, hear some spooky stories during a haunted hayride, and show off our best costumes. There will also be a local-business-themed raffle leading up to the Carnival, with the winners announced that evening. If you would like to get involved with the planning of this eerie event, we invite any and all volunteers.

Please contact Lizzy Morang ([moranglizzy@gmail.com](mailto:moranglizzy@gmail.com)) for more details. We would love anyone with experience in different cultural traditions than the American Halloween to please share your experiences.

You won't see me, Lexie Tangney, on Sunday, October 16. I will be attending the Liberal Religious Educators Association (LREDA) fall conference in Birmingham, Alabama, from October 12-16: "Faith Made Real: Living the 8th Principle." The conference content will support Religious Educators in their individual and congregational anti-racism and anti-oppression work. We'll engage with strategies to dismantle white supremacy within our Unitarian Universalist spaces, and where our power lies, to create a Unitarian Universalism where faith can be made real. More information can be found at the LREDA web page: <https://lreda.org/FallCon>

~ Lexie Tangney

UUMAN's Board of Trustees uses [Covid Act Now](#) to monitor current Covid risk levels. We are thrilled to see that the counties in which the majority of us live are in the Low Risk category. Masks are optional for indoor activities, and indoor congregational singing can occur at this time. We are happy to say that UUMAN's community is highly vaccinated and boosted—thank you for doing your part to keep our risk as low as possible!

Go to [uuman.org](http://uuman.org) for the most recent information.

## October 2022: A Month of Sundays

Date	Topic	Service Leaders
10/2	<b>Healing and Care</b>  It is inevitable. At some time, we will all be in need of healing. We will all be in need of care. And it is also inevitable that at some time, we will all have the opportunity to provide healing; and to provide care. The circumstances vary. They are often overwhelming. What does healthy healing and care look like?	Rev. Dave Dunn
10/9	TBA	Lay Led
10/16	<b>The 8th Principle of Unitarian Universalism</b>  The UUA's Principles and Purposes, detailed as part of Article II of the UUA Bylaws, were last updated in 1987. Although portions of Article II have been tweaked since that time, no thorough review has been done...until now. The inclusion of an 8th Principle is being discussed as part of the recommended changes. How will we respond?	Rev. Dave Dunn
10/23	<b>Our Struggle With Mental Illness</b>  Do we characterize mental ailments the same way we characterize physical ailments? Why or why not? How is mental health defined, arbitrated? Who gets to decide?	Rev. Dave Dunn
10/30	<b>Service of Remembrance</b>  Please join us as we remember those who have passed over the course of the year. Let us remember how they have shaped our lives in ways we could not have imagined.	Rev. Dave Dunn

**ABOUT THE UUMANTimes:** The UUMANTimes is the newsletter of Unitarian Universalist Metro Atlanta North (UUMAN). We go live with each issue by the first Sunday of the month; deadline for submissions is typically on the 22nd of the month preceding the issue date. Please email your news articles and artwork to Becky at [newsletter@uuman.org](mailto:newsletter@uuman.org)



## Life Celebrations

We want to commemorate the happy occasions in the lives of our UUMAN members and other friends of UUMAN. We are looking for Naming Ceremonies, Graduations, Marriages, Anniversaries, Retirements, and Birthdays. Please submit the information about your special day, in the month prior to the event, to

[membership@uuman.org](mailto:membership@uuman.org).

Date	Celebration
10/2	John and Miriam P. are celebrating their anniversary.
10/3	Eli L. is celebrating a birthday.
10/4	Callum A. is celebrating a birthday. Jacob P. is celebrating a birthday.
10/5	Rollin M. is celebrating a birthday. Dillon L. is celebrating a birthday. Bruce and Patti L. are celebrating their 31 anniversary.
10/11	Michelle L. is celebrating a birthday.
10/13	Marin M. is celebrating a birthday.
10/14	Alex P. is celebrating a birthday.
10/18	Olivia P. is celebrating a birthday.
10/19	Becky N. is celebrating a birthday.
10/22	Jim S. and Annette P. are celebrating their anniversary.
10/25	Stephen S. is celebrating a birthday.
10/26	Dave P. is celebrating a birthday.
10/28	Ilona W. is celebrating a birthday.
10/29	John P. is celebrating a birthday.
10/30	Jan W. is celebrating a birthday.