If We Do More, We Can Be More!

Unitarian-Universalist Church of Nashua
2015 - 2016 Stewardship Campaign
OUR MISSION

Engage people in a search for truth and meaning within a supportive liberal religious community that encourages personal & spiritual growth, embraces diversity, and promotes social justice.
Our Vision

Beyond

Among

Within
UU Nashua
Core Mission

Search for Truth & Meaning
Be the Fuel that Feeds the Flame
Personal & Spiritual Growth
Embracing Diversity
Promoting Social Justice
Worship & Sharing

- Reaching Out & Sharing
- Meaningful Common Worship
- Search for Truth & Meaning
- Embracing Diversity
- Be the Fuel that Feeds the Flame
- Personal & Spiritual Growth
- Promoting Social Justice
Fellowship & Welcoming

All are Welcome
Joining in Fellowship
Embracing Diversity
Promoting Social Justice

Be the Fuel that Feeds the Flame
Personal & Spiritual Growth

search for Truth & Meaning
Transformation & Ministering

search for Truth & Meaning

Be the Fuel that Feeds the Flame

Personal & Spiritual Growth

Embracing Diversity

Promoting Social Justice

Personal Transformation

Ministering to each other
Social Justice & Outreach

- Search for Truth & Meaning
- Be the Fuel that Feeds the Flame
- Personal & Spiritual Growth
- Embracing Diversity
- Promoting Social Justice
- Living our Values
- Engaging with the Community
A Beacon for Action

Embracing Diversity
Promoting Social Justice

Personal & Spiritual Growth

Be the Fuel that Feeds the Flame

Search for Truth & Meaning

Beacon of Liberal Religious Thought & Action
We can **DO MORE...**
and **BE MORE**!

Spread our message and values to new places, new people, and young people too.

**DO more:** Transform our world, impact more lives, and be a bigger force for change in the community.

**BE more:** Be Transformed, kickstart our journeys, and the search we share with others.

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**“Family Church”**

**“Program Church”**
“We Collectively are Poised to do Greater Things”

- To achieve greater levels of involvement in social justice and community outreach
- To initiate more meaningful programs that attract and empower our youth and young adults
- To reinvigorate our Religious Education programs across all age ranges
- To learn to relate and engage with each other more compassionately and authentically
- To increase opportunities for new members to get involved, to have a greater impact, and to become leaders in the church.

--Search Committee member Steve Hedges in remarks to the Congregation Dec. 7, 2014
What does “Do More, Be More” Mean?

Some Possibilities

More Outreach and Social Justice Efforts
Including new Grants

Hiring a top-notch, full time Director of Lifespan Religious Education

More ability to provide training to our members & leaders

Become a Teaching Church
support student ministers

Playing a bigger role in our District & Region, hosting conferences

Stop Hunger Now
“Do More, Be More”
Could Also Mean

- **More Opportunities for Spiritual Growth**
  - Budgeted support for individual and group training
  - Financial aid for travel and expenses to GA and other district or national events
  - Deepen support for alternate worship styles/practices
  - Increase our ability to bring in distinguished speakers

- **Increase Outreach and Social Justice efforts**
  - Grow Community Dinner program
  - Increase support for existing programs
  - Provide grants and volunteer support for more causes
  - Expand White Wing School’s current offerings
“Do More, Be More”
Could Also Mean

- **Upgrade our Facilities**
  - “Green Sanctuary” projects for energy efficiency
  - Handicapped access to pulpit
  - Modern “virtual” meeting facility
  - More income from rentals
  - Host District and Regional conferences

- **Enhance Program & Organizational Effectiveness**
  - Training for our staff, volunteers & leaders
  - Office systems modernization
  - More staff hours to improve current programs and expand our program offerings

Monday, February 23, 15
“What does it Mean to Be All In”

- Attend Sunday Services Regularly
- Participate in a church program that deepens your understanding of the faith
- Participate in a mission or outreach program yearly
- Volunteering at the Church in some capacity
- Telling others about UU Nashua
- Pledge as generously as you are able
- If possible reaching a pledge level of 5 percent of your income.
“Making the Transition to Ability Based Giving”

- Your pledge is an investment, not a membership purchase. We don’t consume it. We create it through our time, our talent, and our treasure.

- Most members of churches and synagogues give 5% of their annual income. We encourage UU Nashua members to strive to achieve this 5% financial goal.

- If you can’t meet this goal, give generously according to your means.

- If you have the ability to be more generous than 5%, please do. You can make up for those that can’t.

- The new pledging levels should be generous, but also sustainable.
# Ability-Based Giving for Your Pledge

Make a pledge that feels **generous** to you, under your circumstances

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What’s different this year?

- Church Leadership is energized and committed to making a change in our church. We’ve seen the possibilities.
- Many in Church leadership have already made 2015 pledge with average an increase of 30%.
- Goal to have most members canvassed by late February, so Search Committee can show we are a congregation serious about moving to the “Next Level”
- We’re looking for a great minister to help us grow.
How can I get in on this?

Our church means a lot to me and I want to help move it to the next higher level. What should I do to be “All In”?

- Examine your income and obligations
- Examine your other giving opportunities
- Decide how much more you could give
- In the next two weeks, complete a pledge form
- Send it to the Church Office
- Encourage everyone to be All In!
HOW ELSE CAN WE BE MORE?