

FUC Congregational Proposal (for discussion):

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That a minimum financial contribution level be established in order for a congregational member to vote in church matters. A non-contributing member can be exempt from this rule if they speak to the minister about their situation.

Notes:

1. A number of Unitarian Universalist congregations have already implemented this rule, as well as other denominations.
2. We have 150 non-contributing members in our congregation.
3. Contributing financially to an institution pays bills and funds activities, but more importantly, builds commitment.
4. Pledging is not the issue. Actually making a financial contribution is the issue.
5. Although a minimum level would need to be determined, discussion has centered around a level that would at least cover the Unitarian Universalist Association and Mountain Desert District annual dues (based on membership).