



COMMUNITY

United Church of Christ

Stewardship Campaign 2023 Renewing Our Commitment to Community!

*...having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them...
-Romans 12:6*

Dear CUCC Community!

These are challenging times on planet earth and many of us feel the importance of a spiritual community like ours in our daily lives. Community UCC is a special church that has grown deeper and wider in ministry, being the church for one another and for the community beyond our walls! In 2022, we further lived into our more casual 9:00 a.m. worship service in response to the needs of our congregation. We continue to expand small group ministry for adults of all ages. We will soon be launching a 20's/30's group as well as a new youth group! We are engaging people in exciting and creative ways, and in inspiring generosity. We are doing all of this while sponsoring an Afghan family, visiting our shut-ins, caring for our youth, hosting happy hours, retreats, spiritual hikes, seed harvesting, concerts, community office hours, and bible studies. We are leading the gun violence ministry in the UCC and more!

Life has changed tremendously in the last few years, and the current moment invites us to renew our commitment to the things we care about. Our church is a dynamic living organism, in order for it to thrive it needs tending to with prayers and presence, time and talent, money, and the imagination of many.

This is why our stewardship theme this year is: **Renewing Our Commitment to Community!**

What does this mean?

If you give financially, thank you! The CUCC community appreciates your continued and increasing support! You are the core that helped this community weather all the pandemic threw at us!

If you are not currently supporting CUCC financially or giving at a level proportionate to your ability and importance of CUCC to you, we invite you to re-evaluate your financial commitment for 2023.

Lastly, we deeply value inclusion of people of all orientations, backgrounds, and financial circumstances; we welcome all into the life of our church. At the same time, we have always been a community requiring engagement and commitment. If you truly cannot make a financial offering in 2023, CUCC needs your time and commitment towards stewardship efforts and fundraisers in 2023! We welcome whatever tangible support you can provide to CUCC in 2023 (see the following narrative budget for ideas on some areas you can commit time).

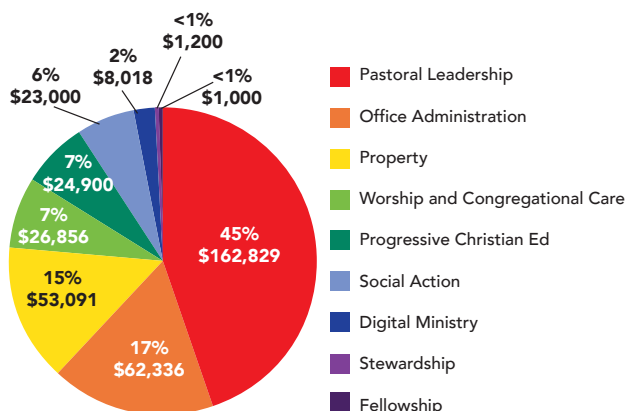
To demonstrate your financial support to CUCC in 2023, you will find an electronic pledge card on our website: www.cuccboulder.org/donate. Alternatively, you can fill out a paper pledge card on Sundays at CUCC or print and tear-off the pledge card included on the last page of this document. A celebration of our mutual 2023 commitments to CUCC will be held on Stewardship Sunday November 13th in worship, and with a lunch following the 10:30 a.m. service.

Thank you for Renewing Our Commitment to Community!

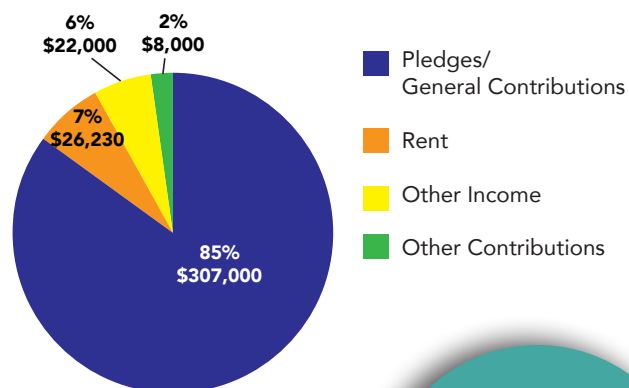
The 2023 CUCC Stewardship Campaign Committee

Community United Church of Christ Proposed 2023 Budget

Budgeted Expenses (\$363,230)
by Category



Budgeted Revenue Sources (\$363,230)
by Category



Pastoral Leadership

- Pastor and Acting Pastoral Associate compensation, benefits, and professional expenses

Office Administration

- Part-time Office Administrator
- Accounting services
- Office expenses, PayPal fees
- Workers' compensation insurance
- Payroll expenses
- Membership dues (Rocky Mtn Conf) and tithing to UCC "Our Churches Wider Mission" (OCWM)

Property

- Part-time Property Steward(s)
- Expenses such as utilities, insurance, building and grounds maintenance

Worship and Congregational Care

- Compensation for Pianist
- Music director and other musicians
- Library and adult education classes
- Supplies/Expenses for all three services and Caring Ministry outreach

Progressive Christian Education

- Youth ministry program
- Supplies, confirmation classes, and other programs
- Compensation for teen childcare providers

Social Action

- Community Mission support of selected local not-for-profits
- Support for Community Compassion Corps, Earth Action Team, and other SA programs

Digital Ministry

- Compensation for technical producer for livestreamed services
- Related production and licensing costs (e.g., Zoom)

Stewardship

- Event and materials costs related to the annual Stewardship giving campaign

Fellowship

- Church-wide events such as barbecues and other patio events, annual meetings

Total equitable compensation for employees and contractors is \$254,322, or 70% of total expenses*

* Includes: 1 full-time employee, 5 part-time employees, 6 contract staff. CUCC attempts to provide meaningful cost-of-living adjustments, benefits, contractor terms, etc. that are primarily limited only by the congregation's willingness to fully fund the proposed budget.

2023 Giving Guidance

You may already give significantly to CUCC and/or have a "formula" for your annual giving. For other individuals and households who are considering initiating or re-initiating their financial relationship with CUCC, the below chart provides a means of "visualizing" a financial relationship with CUCC that is as at least as significant, if not more so, than their relationship with their daily "cup of joe"!

Commitment Comparison				
CUCC means as much to me as my:	Daily Equivalent	Weekly Equivalent	Monthly Equivalent	Annual Equivalent
Monthly Netflix subscription	0.33	2.31	9.99	119.88
Weekly take-out food	1.42	10.00	43.33	520.00
Annual ski pass	2.47	17.31	75.00	900.00
Daily coffee	3.00	21.00	91.25	1,095.00
Monthly dinner out for family of four	3.29	23.08	100.00	1,200.00
Monthly pet food	4.11	28.85	125.00	1,500.00
Monthly cable and internet subscription	4.93	34.62	150.00	1,800.00
CUCC means way more to me than all of the above!	?	?	?	?

CUCC Stewardship Pledge 2023

In 2023, I/we plan to give \$ _____ weekly/monthly/semi-annually/annually (circle)

For an annual total of \$ _____.

Online: You may enter your pledge and make one-time or recurring payments at www.cuccboulder.org/donate.

Mail: Make checks payable to "Community UCC" and mail to: P.O. Box 3646, Boulder, CO 80307.

In person: Drop in the offering box on Sunday.

Direct your questions to the CUCC Financial Secretary, Andy Young, at finsecretary@cuccboulder.org.

Please consider CUCC in your estate planning discussions with your legal and financial advisors... and let us know that you did!

Keep the top portion for your records. Complete and detach bottom portion and send to the Financial Secretary.

Renewing Our Commitment to Community!



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Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

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