

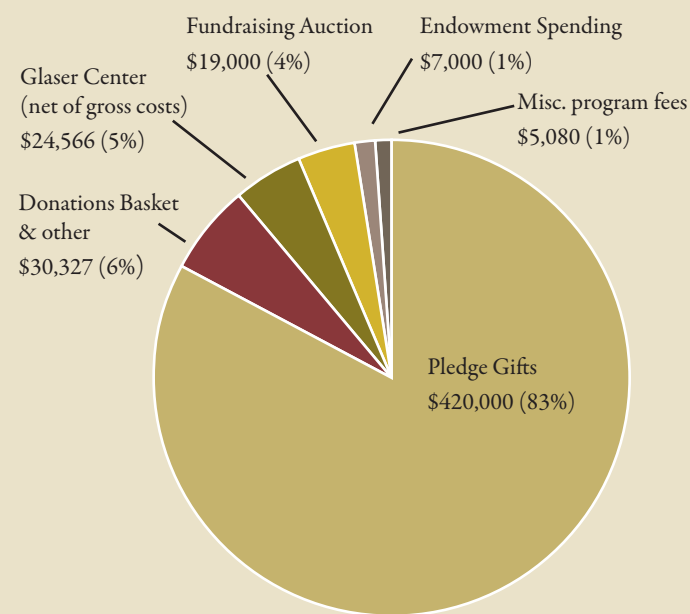
A Budget Snapshot

Just as our membership is growing at UUCSR, so is our budget as we seek to better serve our members and have more impact as a visible and viable force in the community. Our generosity has allowed us to accomplish much in recent years. Below are snapshots indicating where our money comes from and where it is needed in our draft budget for 2014-15.

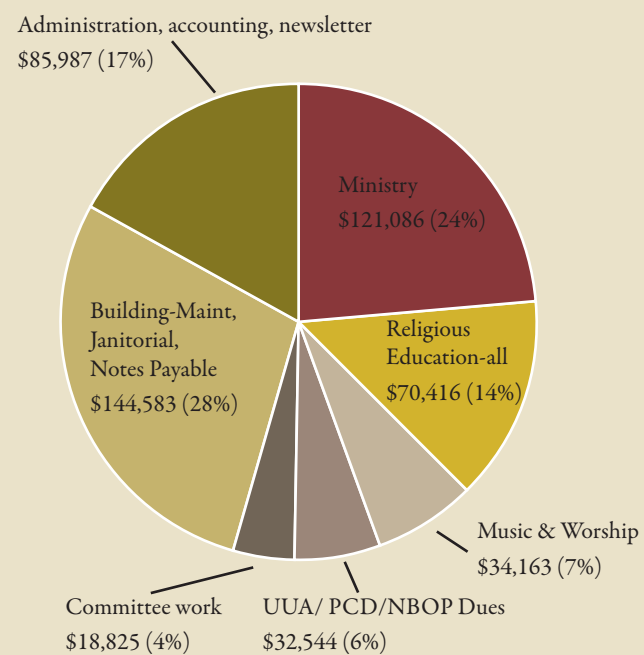
If we are to meet our budget goals, our members and pledging friends must pledge an average of \$1,208 per individual, and \$1,740 per pledging family. In every congregation, some are happy to give far more in order to assist those who are unable to make an average pledge. This year's goal amounts to a 5% increase over our pledge revenue this past year, with the increased funds helping to meet these and other goals:

- Providing additional support for our youth group activities
- Funding additional leadership development opportunities for our members
- Redesigning our website to improve our outreach and communication
- Meeting our financial obligations to our community organizing partner, the North Bay Organizing Project (NBOP), and to our parent organizations, the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) and its Pacific Central District (PCD)

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1954-2014: Building the Legacy

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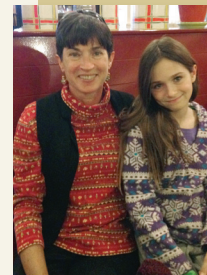
It started as a “discussion group.” Liberal-minded religious folk from the Congregational Church in Sebastopol, gathering in each other’s living rooms to ponder some of the more expansive reaches of their faith. It was 1954, and one of those living rooms belonged to John Durr and his wife Alma.

That intimate group of some 25 people also included current member Floss Wheeler and her husband Marshall. After a year or so of discussion and social companionship, the group voted to become the *Unitarian Fellowship of Sonoma County*, in affiliation with the American Unitarian Association.

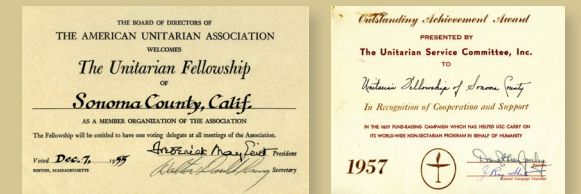
Six decades and a Unitarian and Universalist merger later, we at the *Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Santa Rosa* have grown to some 360 strong, anchored firmly in downtown Santa Rosa as a vibrant and involved community of spiritual depth and justice-seeking. And we are in a celebratory mood, recently coming together to toast John Durr’s 94th birthday while also looking to acknowledge and enjoy our 60th anniversary as a caring, passionate, committed, and ever-interested and interesting community.

As our *Annual Pledge Drive* beckons us to step forward in support of our principles, our history, and our future, we look back fondly at being *Together Through the Decades*.

Our Founders laid quite the foundation for us in 1954. We now look ahead to this year’s Pledge Drive in *hope and expectation*; our piece of this marvelous history is ours to live, to savor, and to eventually hand off to those who will come after us. Let us do so with the *warm generous spirit* that has always typified this community.



'50s: Founding a liberal religious congregation in Sonoma County
Affiliation as a Unitarian Fellowship



'60s: A home at Stony Point
Embrace of Universalism



'70s: Peace & Justice activity
First director for thriving RE program



'80s: Calling first settled minister Dan O' Neal
Extensive remodeling to meet needs of growing congregation



'90s: A Welcoming Congregation
The passing of a beloved pastor
A historic vote to move downtown



'00s: A downtown congregation
The calling of Rev. Chris Bell



'10s: Growing...thriving...carrying the legacy forward

