

STEWARDSHIP SEASON CAMPAIGN

RIVER OF GRASS UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
CONGREGATION
TIMELINE FOR 2009

We have a chance to make a powerful and compassionate statement about our faith! This year our Annual Campaign will take on an abridged approach that will be condensed into approximately a two week period. We trust that you will contemplate River of Grass Congregational's needs and your own ability to give when you fill out the pledge card. Please contact Carolyn Sant Angelo, Stewardship Chairperson at annualgiving@riverofgrass.org if you have questions, comments, or just want to share a hug!



April 17 - Email notification of this year's annual pledge drive approach.

April 19 - Stewardship Campaign introduction to the congregation during Sunday Services. Flyers and pledge cards will be handed out to congregants.

Congregational conversations, comments, suggestions, or questions regarding Stewardship Campaign are welcome between services, after the last service, or via phone or email.

April 20-22 - Stewardship Season flyers and pledge cards mailed to remaining congregants.

April 26 - Stewardship Sunday! Celebrate our commitment to River of Grass! Pledge cards are due! They may be mailed to the office, left in the office, or privately given to a Stewardship/ Finance Committee member. (Deb Giblin-Davis, Scott May, Janet Schwartz, or Carolyn Sant Angelo)



April 27-30 - Reminder contacts and follow-up communications will be made to express gratitude!

Should serious hardship come your way in the near future, please let River of Grass know.



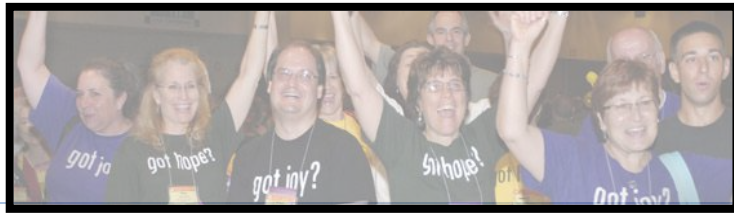
Stewardship Season

Your heartfelt commitment is needed. River of Grass Congregation is made of loving people who are devoted to creating a place of meaning, a place of community, and a place of spiritual growth.

The purpose of Stewardship is to demonstrate responsibility and commitment to what is most important. You are vital and needed and River of Grass is committed to you. Each of us must ask ourselves our personal level of responsibility with the vision we see for River of Grass. What are the gifts that we hold close that spring from this vibrant congregation? In this time of financial challenges and self definition, you are being asked to give what you can to provide the life blood of this spiritual home. Please, fill in the pledge card with what you are comfortable giving. Your financial promise and efforts go toward providing songs and stories, faith and friendship, comfort and creativity, justice and joy. This community is a place where we can challenge ourselves and challenge the world around us to be better than it is at this moment. May the spirit of sound giving come to you. Thank you for being a steward of River of Grass Congregation.

LOVE IS THE SPIRIT OF THIS
CONGREGATION AND SERVICE IS OUR
LAW. THIS IS OUR GREAT COVENANT:
TO DWELL TOGETHER IN PEACE,
TO SEEK THE TRUTH IN LOVE,
AND TO HELP ONE ANOTHER.





More Hope, More Love, More Joy

Pledge cards will be collected on Stewardship Sunday, April 26th. If you cannot attend, please help River of Grass meet the budget deadline by turning in or mailing your pledge card by that date. This will be the close of this Stewardship Season Campaign.

Pledge cards will be given out Sunday mornings or mailed.

Marjorie Stoneman Douglas's opening words are symbolic of the gifts we receive from our own River of Grass...



“THERE are no other Everglades in the world. They are, they have always been, one of the unique regions of the earth, remote, never wholly known. Nothing anywhere else is like them: their vast glittering openness, wider than the enormous visible round of the horizon, the racing free saltiness and sweetness of their massive winds, under the dazzling blue heights of space. They are unique also in the simplicity, the diversity, the related harmony of the forms of life they enclose. The miracle of the light pours over the green and brown expanse of saw grass and of water, shining and slow-moving below, the grass and water that is the meaning and the central fact of the Everglades of Florida. It is a river of grass.”

Who are we?

We are a community of people of faith, dedicated to helping each other and the world in which we live. We are a community of individuals building an extended family. We are a community of seekers.



A Fair Share Giving Guide

(Source: UUA Provided simply as a benchmark)

Adjusted Annual Income	Supporter			Sustainer			Visionary		
	Suggested % of Income	Monthly Payment	Annual Payment	Suggested % of Income	Monthly Payment	Annual Payment	Suggested % of Income	Monthly Payment	Annual Payment
\$10,000	2%	\$16	\$200	2%	\$17	\$200	5%	\$42	\$500
\$25,000	2%	\$42	\$500	3%	\$63	\$750	5%	\$104	\$1,250
\$50,000	3%	\$125	\$1,500	4%	\$167	\$2,000	5%	\$208	\$2,500
\$75,000	3%	\$188	\$2,250	4.5%	\$281	\$3,375	6%	\$375	\$4,500
\$100,000	3.5%	\$292	\$3,500	5%	\$417	\$5,000	6.5%	\$542	\$6,500
\$150,000	3.5%	\$438	\$5,250	5%	\$625	\$7,500	6.5%	\$813	\$9,750
\$200,000	4%	\$667	\$8,000	5.5%	\$917	\$11,000	7%	\$1,167	\$14,000
\$300,000	5%	\$1,250	\$15,000	6%	\$1,500	\$18,000	8%	\$2,000	\$24,000
\$400,000	6%	\$2,000	\$24,000	7%	\$2,333	\$28,000	8.5%	\$2,833	\$34,000
\$500,000	7%	\$2,917	\$35,000	8%	\$3,333	\$40,000	9%	\$3,750	\$45,000

With Gratitude...

- Thank you for your faith in River of Grass Unitarian Universalist Congregation.
- Thank you for realizing that stewardship comes in many forms, such as time, talents, and money.
- Thanks for pondering what a positive impact your gifts have on the congregation.
- Thank you for being willing to discuss, plan, grow, and put into action the values that we hold dear.
- Thank you for sharing a financial gift that leaves you feeling content because you have provided for programs, outreach, and a spiritual home.
- Thank you for allowing the congregation to support you and care for you.
- Thank you for being someone that River of Grass can lean on.

Sincerely, Carolyn Sant Angelo - Stewardship Chairperson