



Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Northern Chautauqua  
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## Financial Pledge Form for 2010-2011

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/St/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_  I'm interested in electronic giving.\*

In support of the congregation's ministry, programs and services for 2010-2011, I/we pledge a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011. I/we understand that if circumstances change, the above amount may be revised or cancelled at any time by a letter to the treasurer of the congregation.

I/we plan to pay this pledge: \_\_\_ weekly \_\_\_ monthly \_\_\_ semi-monthly \_\_\_ quarterly other: \_\_\_\_\_

Other/Special Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Please turn in to your Stewardship Committee Representative, or place in the offering plate on any Sunday Morning or mail to P.O. Box 11, Fredonia NY 14063 at your convenience.*

*\*For more information on convenient electronic giving, please see below.*

### **About electronic giving**

Your contributions can now be debited automatically from your checking or savings account on a weekly, monthly or semi-monthly basis in any amount of your choosing. Over 10% of our member families are now taking advantage of this easy method of giving. As with regular pledges, the amount can always be adjusted should your circumstances change.

Our new electronic giving program is safe and secure. It offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. It costs you nothing and it costs the congregation very little. If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out checks every week or prepare so many envelopes. And, when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis. Electronic Giving Authorization Forms and a "Frequently Asked Questions" flyer are available in the literature rack on Sunday mornings.

### **A greener approach to giving**

Churches, because of their heavy weekly check volumes, were among the earliest organizations to embrace electronic giving as a way to automate contributions. Today, electronic giving in all its forms provides convenience for frequent check writers and donation consistency for congregations such as ours. A less frequently discussed benefit of electronic giving is its positive impact on the environment. An enormous amount of natural resources are consumed in the production, transportation, processing and disposal of paper checks. That's why paying bills electronically always ranks high on any list of actions an individual can take to improve the environment. The trend toward electronic payments has already produced more than a 50% decline in check use since the year 2000. As you consider the payment method you use to make your regular offering, we hope that you will think about the unique connection between financial stewardship and environmental stewardship.