

# A Guide to Generous Giving

*Thoughtfully Considering Your Contribution*

The AUUF is a community that believes giving is a spiritual practice — an act of trust, gratitude, and love. This guide is designed to help you discern a contribution that is both meaningful and sustainable, one that honors your unique financial situation and your level of participation in our community. It is by no means a requirement, but might help some contributors provide a way to determine their donation.

There is no single "right" amount. Instead, we invite you to reflect on two questions:

1. **What is in my financial cup right now?**
2. **How engaged am I in the life of this community?**

Your answers will lead you to a giving range that feels both generous and grounded. Use the table on the final page to find your suggested range and let it be a starting point for consideration and reflection — not a rule or a requirement.

## Part One: What Is in Your Financial Cup?

Read each description below and choose the one that best reflects your current financial reality. Be honest and compassionate with yourself — financial situations change, and no level is better or worse than another.

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### My Cup Runneth Over

My income and wealth comfortably exceed all my basic needs. I may own more than one property, hold investments, and can afford luxuries such as travel, dining out regularly, and subscriptions to the arts. I never avoid medical care for financial reasons. Any debt I carry does not affect my daily choices.

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### My Cup Is Full

My income reliably meets all my basic needs with room to spare. I own my home or choose to rent in a comfortable setting. I can afford meals out, entertainment, new clothes, and vacations when I want them. I have some savings and do not live paycheck to paycheck. Any debt I carry does not affect my ability to meet my needs.

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### My Cup Is Adequate

My income generally covers my basic needs, though I must be intentional about spending. I have some savings and can occasionally afford extras — a meal out, a concert, or a modest vacation — without going further into debt. I own or lease a car and have access to routine medical care.

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### My Cup Is Low

I am currently struggling to meet basic needs such as food, stable housing, or transportation. I may be unemployed or underemployed, rely on government assistance, carry debt that limits my options, and have little or no savings. Extras like dining out, entertainment, or vacations are not currently possible.

*Note: If your cup is low, your presence and participation in this community is itself a profound gift. Financial giving at any level is welcome but never required.*

## Part Two: How Engaged Are You?

Our community is sustained not only by financial gifts, but by the energy, time, and commitment of its members. Consider which description best reflects your current level of participation:

Level	Description
<b>Core</b>	You are deeply invested in this community. You worship or gather regularly, volunteer your time and skills, serve in leadership or ministry, and consider this community central to your life.
<b>Active</b>	You participate consistently. You attend regularly, are involved in some programs or groups, and contribute your time on occasion.
<b>Casual</b>	You participate occasionally. You may attend services or events a few times a month or seasonally and feel connected to the community even if not deeply embedded in its rhythms.
<b>Resting</b>	You are in a quieter season. You may attend infrequently or are in a period of discernment, transition, or rest. You still feel a connection to or affinity for this community.

## Part Three: Your Suggested Giving Range

Find your cup level on the left and your engagement level across the top. The percentage shown is a suggested range of your gross annual household income to give annually. These are invitations, not obligations.

What's in Your Cup? ↓ Engagement Level →	Core	Active	Casual	Resting
<b>1 My Cup Runneth Over</b>	15% or more	13% or more	10% or more	7% or more
<b>2 My Cup Is Full</b>	13 – 15%	10 – 13%	7 – 10%	5 – 7%
<b>3 My Cup Is Adequate</b>	8 – 10%	5 – 8%	3 – 5%	1 – 3%
<b>4 My Cup Is Low</b>	1 – 2%	1 – 2%	1 – 2%	1 – 2%

*Percentages reflect a suggested portion of your gross annual household income. If your cup is low and even 1–2% feels like too much, please speak with a pastor or ministry leader. Giving of any kind — time, talent, or treasure — is a gift to this community.*

## A Final Word

Generosity is not about the size of the gift — it is about the spirit in which it is given. Whatever you decide, we invite you to give prayerfully, joyfully, and with gratitude for all that you have received.

If you have questions about this guide or would like to speak with someone about your giving, please reach out to our stewardship team. We are honored to walk alongside you.

*“Give, and it will be given to you — a good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over.”*

Luke 6:38