

Complete this form, cut on the dotted line, and mail or bring it to church.

Bringing Back To God...

In gratitude for God's many blessings and to share the Good News and further God's missions through the ongoing work of Mt. Sinai UCC, this is my/our 2012 giving goal:

_____ * per

(choose only 1):

Week

Month

Year

If this pledge is a "step up" on the chart, please note here that here:

If this is an increase of 10% or more over your last pledge, note here:

*The trustees assign pledged funds to the three categories (ministry fund, mission fund, and long-term building fund) based on the historical pattern at Mt. Sinai: 85%, 8%, and 7%, respectively.

Confirmation of this pledge will be mailed to you.

If circumstances change and you need to decrease your pledge, be assured you only need to notify the financial secretary or treasurer. No explanation is necessary and your information will remain confidential.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone(s) _____

Email _____

Circle one: I / we would like: **Zero**** / 12 / 52 envelopes.

**If you pay by check or automatically through your bank, numbered envelopes are not needed. (P.S. They cost money to produce.)

I / we plan to arrange automatic bank payments.

Please send information on making automatic bank payments.

I / we [plan to/have] remember(ed) Mt Sinai UCC in a will.

I / we can Bring Back to God **only** time and service this year:

(describe) _____.

I / we cannot commit but hope to give \$ _____, by:

_____ (If you can, please specify the approximate date).

(Optional) If you completed the "Open Your Eyes..." worksheet you may want to report your (privately known) weekly hours of service as a % of income, based on your (privately known) hourly rate and the # of hrs per week: _____%, and/or you may want to express your entire pledge (cash plus hours' value) as a percentage of total income: _____% (if, for instance, you are working on becoming a tither or a tither-plus). If you computed ALL your giving (including outside church) and want to record that percentage, you may do so here: _____%.

Is anything holding you back?

First, notice (on the Step Chart) that there is a recognized category for Bringing Back to God gifts as modest as \$1 per week. Everyone deserves the inner glow that comes from heartfelt sharing, no matter how little they have.

Second, there is a place on the form at left to indicate that you cannot participate financially this year, but *will* commit to specific, concrete service tasks of your description (we can provide suggestions for useful tasks).

Third, there is also a place on the form to indicate you will *try* to give an amount of "x" by (a date of your choosing) but do not want to *commit* to this. Actually, this third option is not really necessary, because all pledges are understood to be revisable if your circumstances change. This pledge is really a commitment between you and God, who needs no explanation or excuses when you are struggling, so your church family expects none either—although if you will let the Financial Secretary or Treasurer know your revised goal, we can avoid annoying you with bi-monthly financial statements/reminders that are no longer accurate. (Revising your goal upwards is always welcome, too—and cause for celebration!)

So, as the poem says:

Take a leap of faith this year,
throw caution to the wind.
Challenge yourself to a generosity
you did not know you possess.
Bring back to God
your heart, your mind, your soul, your strength—
and yes, your treasure too.
Jesus said, "For where your treasure is,
there will your heart be also."
And where better to lodge your heart
than in the dwelling of the Lord?

Bring your pledge to church, or mail to:

Att'n: Generosity Campaign
Mt. Sinai Congregational UCC
233 North Country Road
Mt. Sinai, NY 11766