






First Parish in Brookline – Giving Guide for FY 2026-2027

Carry the Flame Forward!

Take a moment and consider what this congregation means to you. What would feel really good, for you, to give each week, month or year, to support First Parish in Brookline today, and to sustain it for generations to come? Our Pledge Drive Team has set this year’s pledge drive goal at \$338,000, a 20% increase over total pledges received last year.

How much should I pledge?		2025-2026 Pledges	Targets for 2026-27 Pledges
This chart is one way to think about your answer. A “pledging unit” is an individual or household who has promised to support our congregation financially.		67 pledging units pledged a total of \$281,460 for the year ending on June 30, 2026.	What can you pledge to support our Mission & help our congregation thrive?
 Red	If you have a job that pays well, a good pension, or substantial income-producing assets, you may be able to pledge Red. Perhaps your mortgage is paid off and your dependents are launched. Your financial cup likely runneth over! You now have the pleasure of supporting your spiritual home in this way. Red households currently pledge \$22,000 to \$35,000.	2 Red group units pledged \$22,000 to \$35,000. Total: \$ 57,000.	We are grateful to those who are able and ready to continue a Red group pledge for FPB. If 4 Blue pledging units join those who are pledging and contributing Red, it would make a huge difference!
 Blue	Blue means you generally have enough to meet your basic needs for food, housing, transportation and healthcare. While you may have kids in college or other obligations that reduce your discretionary income, you can afford a nice car, travel, vacations and dining out. Your financial cup is likely full!	13 Blue group members pledged \$6,000 to \$13,000. Total: \$119,800.	We are grateful to those who continue a Blue group pledge and encourage them to raise their pledge by 20%. If your financial picture allows it, could you stretch even more and join the Red group?
 Purple	Purple may be living on a fixed income or maybe you have income that is up one year and down the next. You may have good healthcare, own a car and can afford to go on vacation. Your financial cup is probably more than adequate.	18 Purple group units pledged \$2,500 to \$5,500. Total: \$ 65,890.	We hope many Purple group members will be able to make 20% increases or more. This might involve increasing from \$2,500 to \$3,000. Raising your pledge helps us move closer to our stewardship goal.
 Green	Green may live modestly, be paying for daycare, or helping other family members. Your basic needs are met. Your financial cup is likely adequate. Green households currently pledge \$1200 to \$2,400. Can you consider an increase?	19 Green group units pledged \$1,200 to \$2,400. Total: \$31,410.	If you are giving what you can, we are grateful. And if you can stretch to 20% or more to a larger pledge, FPB would move towards more sustainability.
 Orange	Orange may not have a lot of money to spare. Orange may be living on a very limited income and/or paying off significant loans or medical debt. Your financial cup may be low. We honor and appreciate that you may be giving all you financially can.	15 Orange group units pledged \$150 to \$900. Total: \$7,360.	If you are giving what you can, we hope you can continue. If making a larger pledge will spark joy in your heart, please do!