

Dear Friends,

Whether for a few weeks, a few years or decades, you are a significant part of the SSUC family. Your participation in this community is truly a gift to us and, through all we're able to do together, the world around us! Your presence drew the circle wider to expand our perspective of what it means to be "Spiritual Seekers United in Community." We are ever thankful for who you are, who you're becoming, and the many ways in which you have chosen to contribute to SSUC.



So, the first and most important message we want to convey is how much we appreciate your presence among us and the many ways in which you volunteer your time and talents. You make it possible for us to continue being a positive influence in a world with ever-growing needs. With your support, you've contributed significantly in making our dream to do more together, a reality. THANK YOU!

It's important to celebrate what we accomplished together in 2025. Just a few highlights:

- In providing livestreamed gatherings and online programs, we engaged with new folks, growing connections and deepening the reach of our unique and needed expression of expansive spirituality.
- In the first year of our YOUTHSPACE and Evergreens Community GSA, both of these programs have grown and deepened, Evergreens starting with just 3 youth a year ago expanding to over 20 and growing!
- The inherit generosity of SSUC is not restricted to our budgeted Outreach programs that support agencies in Edmonton and Saskatoon, it was apparent in the multiple donations of underwear and winter socks, and Christmas toys to furnish human dignity, advocacy for peace and justice, work in the areas of Livable Income, the expansion of our Food Bank Depot to accommodate more households in SW Edmonton challenged with food insecurity, and so much more.
- We helped mark milestones and important life transitions in so many lives, experiencing joyous welcomes, grieving losses, celebrating anniversaries, and everything in between. In all of it, expressing connection, care and meaning.

We couldn't have accomplished all we did in 2025 without your support and generosity. We share deep gratitude for your part – big or small!



Let's begin to ponder what possibilities lie before us in 2026. It's exciting to think of the opportunities already before us – Yes, there's always more work to do, and many of you are part of plans already underway:

- We are recognizing food insecurity means more than a food hamper; it's often accompanied by learning new skills and building resilience. Work has begun to examine our role in providing leadership and space for a community kitchen where folks can learn shopping and cooking skills.
- We've noticed a need among those with mobility challenges, disability, and chronic pain for physical activity and movement programs in a safe, cost-barrier-free and inclusive environment. Exploration and funding are being sought to offer a weekly chair yoga program to meet this need.

What's new for children and families? How about our engagement with our Earth Charter commitments? What will our advocacy and affirmation look like in the political and economic climate of 2026? What support and exploration groups might help us connect, find meaning and do good? These are up to all of us!

To continue all of our work in 2026, we rely on your ongoing support. Please peruse the material in this package. You'll find:



A Time and Task Pledge Form

Ponder some specific ways you might contribute your energy and abilities to help your SSUC community that will bring you fulfillment and deepen your connections with what's important in life, and with other folks in your SSUC community.

A Financial Donor Pledge Form and a Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) Form

Consider how you can help us achieve our financial goals to do the good work we have planned in 2026, your feedback is vital for us to prepare a budget with realistic revenue numbers. Donors like you are our primary source of revenue. We can do it only if we all do it together! Donating by PAR is a huge help to our ability to do our work consistently and well. Use this form to sign up or change the amount you'd like to give automatically.

It will help us to receive your feedback by December 17, 2025. You may complete physical forms and return them to the church office or to the foyer "Support SSUC" box, or you may submit a secure online form at www.ssucedmonton.com/engagement2026.

By engaging in this process with us, you are clearly demonstrating that you care about SSUC as an important part of your spiritual journey, and know that we work together to claim this community as our legacy to continue building!

With heartfelt thanks for your generous support,
Jacob Kellerman and Christopher New (The "Engagement" Team)



Time and Task Pledge for 2026

We all have passions and interests that work together to make SSUC a diverse and dynamic community. How can you help in contributing to the fantastic community we are? Please indicate **NEW** places you'd like to be involved. (If more than one person is using this form, please initial next to your interest).

Return these forms to SSUC by December 17, 2025 or use the online form at ssucedmonton.com/engagement2026

Name(s): _____

I can help with **SPIRITUAL GATHERINGS** by:

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| ☐ Joining the roster of gathering companions | ☐ Helping with table ritual prep/serving |
| ☐ Being added to the welcome team | ☐ Serving as our Welcome Team Coordinator |
| ☐ Being trained as tech crew | ☐ Working with a group to plan a Sunday gathering |
| ☐ Being added to the coffee crew | ☐ Being added to the infant/toddler care team |
| ☐ Helping on a donation count team | ☐ Contributing to the instrumental or choir music |
| ☐ Helping on our Sunday décor team | ☐ Offering an occasional land acknowledgment |
| ☐ Joining the Spiritual Gatherings Team (Qrt) | ☐ Other ways I'd like to contribute: |

I can help provide **CARE AND CONNECTION** to members of the SSUC community by:

- ☐ Assisting with caring tasks or receptions associated with memorial gatherings/celebrations of life
- ☐ Keeping in touch regularly with a small group of people in need (ill/injured, unable to attend, etc.)
- ☐ Making occasional meals for those in need
- ☐ Joining the Congregational Care Committee (meets monthly)
- ☐ Other ways I'd like to contribute:

I can help with **EDUCATIONAL, AFFIRMING OR COMMUNITY BUILDING** events by:

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| ☐ Planning or assisting with community meals/lunch&learns, etc. | |
| ☐ Being involved with social/supportive events that connect our community | |
| ☐ Planning or contributing to learning/study opportunities or interest groups | |
| ☐ Interest in any of our connection groups (Resource, Tuesday groups, new ideas...) | |
| ☐ Joining a new team to coordinate all-ages learning, education, small groups | |
| ☐ Helping plan our next SSUC retreat | ☐ Assisting with labyrinth events |
| ☐ Joining an Adult/Youth Pen Pal project | ☐ Rotation of snack providers for kidSPIRIT |
| ☐ Joining the Affirm Committee (6x/yr) | ☐ Other ways I'd like to contribute: |

I can help with **PROPERTY AND GROUNDS** by:

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| ☐ Contributing to small maintenance tasks | ☐ Assisting with rental user's entry/exit |
| ☐ Maintaining a flowerbed | ☐ Helping care for and maintain the kitchen |
| ☐ Being part of an occasional work crew | ☐ Serving to coordinate smaller kitchen tasks |
| ☐ Helping with annual kitchen cleaning bee | ☐ Helping with occasional chair/table setup |
| ☐ Joining the Property Maintenance Team (monthly) | |
| ☐ Other ways I'd like to contribute: | |

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I can help with **OUTREACH PROGRAMS, REFUGEE SUPPORT, RECONCILIATION** by:

- ☐ Being on a support team for newcomers (upon arrival)
- ☐ Sharing a project/cause SSUC could support: _____
- ☐ Joining the Food Bank Depot distribution roster
- ☐ Coordinating our Outreach, Reconciliation bulletin boards
- ☐ Interest in a specific Task Group (Food insecurity, Earth Charter, Refugee support, etc)
- ☐ Helping the Zatoun Olive Oil Team ☐ Teaming to promote a seasonal campaign
- ☐ Joining the Outreach Committee ☐ Joining the Reconciliation Committee (MFTR)
- ☐ Other ways I'd like to contribute:

I can help with **EMBERWOOD ACTIVITIES/EVENTS** by:

- ☐ Helping setup/cleanup at Emberwood
- ☐ Sharing through networks about Emberwood
- ☐ Offering in-kind donations: camping mats, wool/fleece clothing, laptop/tablet, digital camera, watches, etc.)
- ☐ Offering my expertise in the upcoming Emberwood Research Advisory Council to support our partnership with the Centre for Christian Studies and St. Stephen's College

I can help with **CAMP DRAGONFLY** by:

- ☐ Offering my experience to support Dragonfly becoming a Registered Society and Charity
- ☐ Offering in kind donations: juice, cans, individually packaged snacks (eg granola bars), etc.
- ☐ Sharing events and initiatives within my networks

I can help with **FINANCIAL OR FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS** by:

- ☐ Joining the Grocery Card Team
- ☐ Joining our Fall Dinner/Auction Planning
- ☐ Helping coordinate/assisting with Thrifty Treasures (spring garage sale)
- ☐ Coordinating or assisting with the December Merry Moments Market
- ☐ Coordinating or assisting with Juke Box Musical Evening or another musical event
- ☐ Contributing other fundraiser ideas
- ☐ Contributing experience or skills with accounting/bookkeeping
- ☐ Joining a newly formed Fundraising Committee
- ☐ Joining the Finance Committee ☐ Other ways I'd like to contribute:

I can help with **BOARD/MANAGEMENT/PERSONNEL** areas by:

- ☐ Offering my experience to be considered for the SSUC Board
- ☐ Fulfilling a need for Board Secretary (meets monthly 9x/year)
- ☐ Offering my experience to be considered for the Board of Trustees (investing, insurance, etc)
- ☐ Offering my experience to our Communications Coordinator (publicity, campaigns, design, etc)
- ☐ Offering my experience to be considered for the Ministry & Personnel Committee (staff relations)

ONE LAST QUESTION:

When I think of my time and the vision of SSUC's expansive community, I am MOST EXCITED about contributing in the following way (whether or not it fits into the above categories):



Financial Donor Pledge for 2026

This form helps us to shape an accurate budget that will be presented to the congregation at our Annual General Meeting in March 2026. Thank you for your responses that help us plan responsibly and with vision.

Our operating budget supports our ministries of Spiritual Gatherings, Education, Outreach, Congregational Care, Finance, Property (maintenance, utilities and insurance), Church Office, Staff Salaries and Benefits, and additional outreach beyond our congregation through the Mission and Service Fund, and meet our regional and national financial commitments to the United Church of Canada. As you consider your support, you might choose to support us by Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR), regular in-person giving, online via our website at www.SSUCedmonton.com/donate or by e-transfer to info@ssucedmonton.com.

A. These are the ways I/we plan to respond financially to the work of our spiritual community in 2026:

** Please indicate by initials, if two or more separate contributors are responding.*

Weekly Contributions of \$ _____, for an annual total of \$ _____.

OR

Monthly Contributions of \$ _____, for an annual total of \$ _____.

** Please note that should your circumstances change, you can adjust your weekly or monthly contributions and annual commitment at any time. This is not an obligation, but a help in our planning process.*

B. In order to facilitate my donations: (check all that apply)

- ☐ I am/We are a registered PAR contributor, making no changes.
- ☐ I/We will complete a new PAR form because I/we would like to begin making donations by PAR.
- ☐ I/We will complete a new PAR form because of a change in my/our monthly PAR amount.
- ☐ I/We will contribute in-person, online (requires SSUC pay a small admin fee) or by e-Transfers (preferred online method)
- ☐ I/We would like to receive information on ensuring my/our SSUC support is assured in the future by way of wills, bequests, life insurance, and/or gift annuities.

Name(s)

Date

Please return this form to the church office by December 17, 2025.

Alternatively, you may submit this form securely at www.SSUCedmonton.com/engagement2026

Consider using PAR to make your contributions. Pre-authorized remittance (PAR) is an amount specified by you that is transferred to SSUC from your bank account on the 20th day of each month. Making your commitment this way helps manage your monthly giving regardless of absence, travel or life's busyness. It also helps us create a more stable and dependable cash flow. If you'd like to register for PAR, please complete the PAR form included in this package. Note that any change in monthly withdrawal amounts or banking information also require a new PAR form to be completed.



PAR AUTHORIZATION FORM

(For new PAR donors and changes to amounts or banking details)

Church Name: Southminster-Steinhauer

PAR Congregational Number: 10 04 0840

I/We, _____, (envelope # _____,) request and authorize The United Church of Canada to debit my/our account on the 20th of every month in the amount of \$ _____, starting on the 20th of _____ (enter month). This contribution is made on behalf of:

Name of Local Church: Southminster-Steinhauer United Church

Address: 10740 – 19 Avenue

City: Edmonton Province: Alberta Postal Code: T6J 6W9

This contribution by me/us to the above local church is to benefit:

Local Church \$ _____ Mission and Service Fund \$ _____ Other \$ _____

This donation/payment is made on behalf of (check one): _____ Individual(s) _____ Business

Please attach a VOID cheque or all relevant banking information.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

I may change the amount of my contribution at any time subject to providing notice of 15 days.

I may revoke my authorization at any time, subject to providing notice of 15 days at which time I will submit a cancellation form obtained from the Church PAR Contact or by contacting my financial institution or visiting www.cdnpay.ca.

I have certain recourse rights if any debit does not comply with this agreement. For example, I have the right to receive reimbursement for any debit that is not authorized or is not consistent with this PAR Agreement. To obtain more information on my recourse rights, I may contact my financial institution or visit www.cdnpay.ca.

I waive my right to receive pre-notification of the amount of the Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) and agree that I do not require advance notice of the

Name of Church PAR Contact: Ann Didluck Phone No.: 780-435-2288 (h)

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Due to high service charges (2.5% for Visa and MasterCard; we do not accept Amex), we generally do not encourage people to use credit cards for PAR donations. However, if donors wish, this service is still available.

Debit My Credit Card Number _____ EXP _____

CARD NUMBER

MM YY

Name on Card: _____ Authorized Signature: _____

We agree to be bound by, comply with, respect and apply all relevant provisions of the Canadian Payments Act and all related by-laws, rules and standards in force from time to time as they apply to PAR's including, without limitation, the Confirmation/Pre-notification requirements or waiver of Pre-notification requirements and cancellation requirements as set out in Rule H1

The use, retention and disclosure of personal information collected from this form is done in compliance with privacy legislation, including but not limited to, the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (2000, c.5).



SSUC Donor Step Chart

This chart shows where your donor level fits within the giving pattern of the whole SSUC community. Could you consider moving to the next step in 2026?



4 households gave over
\$835/mo or over \$10,000/year



2 households gave \$650-
835/mo or up to \$10,000/year.



7 households gave \$435-
650/mo or up to \$7,800/year



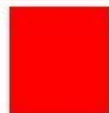
19 households gave \$215-
435/mo or up to \$5,220/year



13 households gave \$175-
215/mo or up to \$2,580/year



15 households gave \$130-
175/mo or up to \$2,100/year



32 households gave \$85-
130/mo or up to \$1,560/year



33 households gave \$40-85/mo
or up to \$1,020/year



17 households gave
\$20-40/mo or up to \$480/year



71 households gave up to
\$20/mo or up to \$250/year

