

## UR Commitment Card...

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

### Commitment Amount

- \$50 per month commitment card
- \$100 per month commitment card
- \$250 per month commitment card
- \$500 per month commitment card
- \$1000 per month commitment card
- \$\_\_\_\_\_ per month commitment card

### Giving Pattern

- I plan on giving monthly to fulfill my commitment.
- I plan on giving seasonally to fulfill my commitment in the months and amounts indicated below:

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### Giving Method

- Cash     Check
- Bank Account Automatic Withdrawal (Include a voided check)  
Type of Account:  Checking     Savings  
Withdraw on:  1st of month     15th of month

Bank Routing # \_\_\_\_\_

Account # \_\_\_\_\_

- Credit Card (Visa, MasterCard or Discover)

Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

Withdraw on:  1st of month     15th of month

By signing below, I authorize Upper Room to debit the given account on the date that I indicated for the amount that I indicated above. I understand that I can contact Upper Room to cancel future automatic contributions that have not yet been processed.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Our Goal...

**Participation:** Our goal this year is to increase the number of people in our community who own the mission of the Upper Room by filling out a card and committing to fuel it with their finances. We currently have 335 people (made up of individuals and couples) accounting for 208 commitment cards. A 10% increase would see 370 people participating through 230 commitment cards. 20% would result in 400 people and 250 commitment cards.

**Financial:** Our goal is to get as close as we can to \$650,000 in committed dollars through this campaign. That number represents our revised budget for the current fiscal year, which we hope to maintain or increase. The budget that the UR Board will set for next fiscal year, which starts June 1, depends largely on the response of our community to this campaign. So the closer we get to \$650,000 in commitments, the easier it will be for us to avoid making further cuts to staffing, missional funding and programs.

Every person who prayerfully decides to fill out a commitment card will get us closer to our goal.

## Important Details...

**Finish Line:** May 9 is the due date for commitment cards. This gives our Resource Team, Board and Staff adequate time to make budget decisions for the new budget year which starts on June 1, 2010.

**Length of Commitment:** The financial commitment you indicate on your commitment card will begin June 1, 2010, and end May 31, 2011, at which time you may recommit for the next fiscal year.

**Automatic Giving:** Please consider automatic giving by bank account or credit card. This method provides us with the most consistent pattern of income which allows us to budget and spend responsibly.

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## Transforming Lives

Sharing our finances to fuel the mission of the Upper Room



At the Upper Room, we believe that giving generously has the potential to transform countless lives. We desire to be a community of people who give generously as a response to the lavish grace and generosity of God in our own lives. And as we give, our finances can be used to fuel this movement of people loving God and others in the rhythm of Jesus, resulting in transformed lives...the lives of those who give, the lives of others in our community, and the lives of people in our neighborhood, our city and around the world.

## UR Mission...

A community loving God and others in the rhythm of Jesus.

## UR Values...

**Jesus** - Uniting around Jesus as our model and source for life.

**Transforming** - Journeying together to become more like Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Experiential** - Wrapping experiences around the teachings of Jesus to connect our story to God's story.

**Communal** - Doing life together with one heart and one mind.

**Missional** - A movement of people seeking to be Kingdom bringers.

## Upper Room Junior High...

- A Highlight:** We launched our junior high ministry (URJH) and had an incredible first year! It was a crucial next step in the life of our community to offer a place for junior high students to experience community and encounter the love of God.
- A Story:** Over this past year, Tom and Mary Radle, recent transplants to the Twin Cities, found a church home at the Upper Room. A big part of their connection is the fact that their daughter, Kay, has participated in URJH and is experiencing deepening relationships with other students, with her mentor, and with Jesus.
- An Excitement:** We look forward to the continued growth of URJH. There are twelve 5th graders "graduating" from UR Kids this spring who will join URJH this summer. We are eagerly anticipating our first-ever URJH camp at Summer Festival in Menomonie, WI this July.
- Connecting the Dots:** Your financial commitment will fund our summer camp and our winter and spring retreats, helping with supplies, leader costs and scholarships. These experiences are incredibly important, providing students with opportunities to step outside the routine of everyday life and experience the love of God in new ways.

## Next Step Environments...

- A Highlight:** Last fall we launched Next Step Environments to connect and grow spiritually outside of our Sunday gatherings. A few hundred people participated and over 30 members of our community came forward to lead the different opportunities. It has been amazing to watch relationships begin and grow through everything from a running group to a Saturday women's event.
- A Story:** This winter a group of women from the Upper Room decided to provide an opportunity for other women to connect with each other and God beyond the casual conversations that happen on Sundays. So they planned and led our first ever Saturday morning women's event. More than 75 women participated and out of that event we are seeing small groups, book studies and serving opportunities spring up.
- An Excitement:** We are currently planning the second women's event and other opportunities for women to connect. A small group of men are starting to talk about ways to connect and grow spiritually as well. There is a desire within our community to be just that, a community.
- Connecting the Dots:** All of the resources for leader training, events, administrative support, facilities and curriculum come from the financial offerings of our community. It may feel like you are just putting money in a bag each week, but in actuality, you are helping relational connections happen as people grow closer to God.

## The Minneapolis Market...

- A Highlight:** On Sunday, December 20, 2009, the UR community came together to launch an innovative food shelf called the Minneapolis Market... a no cost food club. On Thursday, January 28, the Minneapolis Market officially opened its doors and welcomed its very first member. Now, only two months after opening its doors, we are excited to announce that the market is providing food for 231 people from 18 to 83 years old.
- A Story:** Our first member walked in the doors and was greeted by our welcoming volunteer staff. After getting his membership card and filling his reusable grocery bag, he found himself enjoying the company of our volunteers, telling them, "I don't want to leave this place." The next week, he returned with 6 of his friends who were also in need.
- An Excitement:** We want to continue to build on our vision of providing market members with quality no cost food within a dignified environment and to see our values of love, dignity, quality, and sustainability lived out among our hungry neighbors.
- Connecting the Dots:** It is your generosity that has enabled the vision of the Minneapolis Market to become a reality. It is your continued generosity, as expressed through filling out a UR commitment card, that will ensure our ministry among the hungry of Minneapolis continues for years to come.

## 3 Steps...

- Understanding Your Impact**  
Our goal is to be fiscally responsible and to set an annual budget that reflects our community's willingness to financially fuel the mission of the Upper Room. Your Commitment Card is crucial in creating an accurate and responsible monthly budget. Our Resource Team will add your personal commitment to the collective commitments of the rest of our community in order to recommend an operating budget to the Upper Room Board for the coming budget year.  
  
Our annual budget is largely dependent on the cumulative total indicated by committed givers so it is important that you carefully consider your financial commitment for the coming budget year. While we recognize the uncertainties of today's economy, every dropped and unfulfilled financial commitment has a negative impact on our budget. As we have experienced this past year, this will result in the need to reduce our expenses which affects staffing, missions funding, programs and events.
- Praying About Your Commitment**  
It is important to us that you carefully consider and pray about your financial commitment for the coming budget year. Our hope is for generous and responsible financial commitments that can be used to fuel our mission and transform the lives of many. Please take the time to invite God into this process as you decide what you will commit to give this coming year.
- Making Your Commitment**  
When you decide the level of financial generosity you are able to commit to for the coming budget year, you are ready to fill out a commitment card. There are 3 ways to submit a commitment card:
  - Fill it out online at [urminneapolis.org/generouscommunity](http://urminneapolis.org/generouscommunity)
  - Fill out the form on this brochure and mail to:  
Upper Room  
Attn: Joe McDonald  
4313 Upton Avenue S.  
Minneapolis, MN 55410
  - Fill out the form on this brochure and drop into an offering bag at a Sunday night gathering.

## Thank you...

Thank you in advance for your generous financial commitment and for your part in transforming lives through the movement of God within the Upper Room. If you have any questions about commitment cards or this campaign, contact Joe McDonald at [joe@urminneapolis.org](mailto:joe@urminneapolis.org).