**WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE Proposed Budget for 2024-2025**

**Music, Other $425**

Sheet music for Pianist - $300

Music, etc. for Choir - $150

**Piano Maintenance $270**

Steinway in Sanctuary - $135 x 2 = $270

**Worship Program $1645**

Guest speakers $875

Speakers from MOV 3 x $75 = $225

Speakers from outside MOV 2 x 150 = $300

Ordained minister 1 x 350 = $350

Guest Musicians $770

Special music 3 x $50 = $150

Substitute Pianist 4 x 100 = $400

Pianist for Christmas Eve $220

**Worship Supplies $800**

Candles & Batteries $100

Equipment (AV) $300

Printing for Special Events $ 75

Park Shelter $ 25

Resources for Design & Decoration $300

**TOTAL REQUEST $3140**

**RATES**

Piano Tuning $135

Congregation member/friend no stipend

Guest musician $ 50

Substitute for pianist $100 (Choir rehearsal and worship service)

Speaker from MOV $ 75

Speaker from outside MOV $150

Official of UUA/0ther UU Congregation $250

Ordained minister - Reflection $270 + travel – 62.5 cents per mile

Ordained minister – Whole service $315 + travel – 62.5 cents per mile

**Staff Cost (Pianist, Choir Director) not included**

**Rationale**

In general, our requests reflect the need to have flexibility in order to meet ever-shifting circumstances.

1. **Music** The amount in the Music category remains the same as in prior years. The existence of the General Fund - Special Music Fund established by the Novaks enables the Choir Director to honor copyright laws by buying sets of music for the music library while easing the pressure on the Worship & Music Committee budget. We allocate $150 from our budget to the Choir Director for other related purchases.

The larger portion of the Music category ($300) is designated for acquisition of music for the Pianist.

1. **Piano Maintenance** The cited cost for piano tuning is conservative. It may increase.
2. **Worship Program**

Guest Speakers The expected pay for ordained ministers has increased. We budget for one ordained minister at the highest rate plus travel expenses. Please see in the rates that we list three levels for church officials.

Guest Musicians Having guest musicians enhances the worship service, provides opportunities for contribution to the life of the congregation, and also encourages developing musicians.

By agreement, the pianist has one Sunday off each quarter, and we usually can find ways to provide needed music, but in some cases we may need a substitute pianist.

In the same way, we budget for a pianist for Christmas Eve, even though the regular pianist is usually able to play for that service.

1. **Worship Supplies**

Candles & Batteries Acquisition and replacement of various battery-operated candles is an ongoing cost.

AV Equipment We endeavor to continually improve our audio-video capabilities.

Resources for the Design & Decoration Task Force The task force has evolving needs as they create settings that enhance the worship experience and communicate the values of FUUSM.

Printing Publicity is essential for effective out-reach to the community and for clear communication within the congregation.