

## **SUBSTANCE AND SHARING (TITHING)**

In the Absolute Realm, there is eternal abundance, wholeness, peace and love. In order for us to experience those Divine qualities in our lives we must learn to work with the Law of Circulation. Like breathing in and out, the universe functions by receiving and giving. We activate this power in our lives when our receiving and giving are in balance.

In addition we want to cultivate an awareness that there is only one Source for all Good. We are not the Source, nor is any individual, corporation, organization, or conglomerate. Our Source is not the bank, or our salary, or family, the government, our investments, or any human entity. Prosperity means that we always have what we need in a given moment, according to Divine Law. What we have is not physically specific. It is non-physical Substance, which we shape with our thoughts, like the "Manna from Heaven" that nourished the Hebrews while they were crossing the desert in the Book of Exodus. Substance is another name for the Universe, Spirit, God. Our thoughts shape Substance into expressions such as a means of exchange (money), health, energy, time, love, etc. It's all Substance.

The practice of tithing - of dedicating portion, or "one tenth" of our accessible Substance is a way to keep us mindful that our access to Substance is part of the flow of the Universe and that it's our job to keep Substance flowing through us to benefit all.

A tithe is different from a gift to charity. The tithe is a gesture of gratitude to Substance or Spirit for your available resources, by putting a specific amount back into circulation to fund the spiritual community that feeds your soul.

Your choice of exactly what dollar figure is right for you to share as a tithe is between you and Spirit within. Always seek the guidance of your inner wisdom before choosing how much, and how often, you will share on a regular basis.

We ask you to let us know what you have decided with Spirit about your tithes, by filling out the card attached to this document, so that UCP can make a budget and know what income to expect.

Unity is a denomination based on individual congregations, and each congregation is self-supporting, with no monetary support or governance coming from the denomination. UCP is 100% supported by Source manifesting as tithes, gifts and rentals coming from the people we serve.