

## Annual Campaign FAQ's

### Q: What does it mean to make a pledge?

It's a commitment to give one's time, talents, and money as an expression of faith and a personal response to God's generosity. The church budget is prepared in light of the pledges received from the members. A pledge is a statement of intent, not a legal obligation. It can be changed at any time.

#### Q: Why should I pledge? I have given faithfully in the past.

Advance knowledge of your gifts provides confidence in planning the church budget - and therefore ministry that will be possible. Not knowing giving estimates in advance requires the church to plan the future with less certainty.

#### Q: How do I pay my pledge?

There are many ways, several whose details are listed on our website: online, check, automatic bank draft, appreciated securities, etc.

#### Q: Does frequency matter?

Frequency is at your discretion. Most prefer to give weekly or monthly, yet many choose quarterly or annually, especially for gifts of securities or other transactions that are more time-intensive. It is quite helpful if you are able to share your anticipated giving frequency for the church's budget planning.

# Q: This is an important decision for me. I am concerned about my employment status / financial security. What if it changes?

Unexpected events happen. We know this situation is certainly a hardship, and we hope that you would share that you are experiencing such a hardship so that we can be supportive of you during such a time. Your peace and recovery is a priority for the church. If you are unable to continue your financial commitment, please reach out to the church. We will adjust.

### Q: I am unable to make significant gifts. Do small gifts matter?

Your gifts matters greatly. If everyone who hasn't been giving committed to give (regardless of the amount), the church could well surpass our current level of giving. Yes. Your gift makes a great difference.

#### Q: Do I receive a statement?

Yes, you will receive a quarterly statement of your contributions for your tax records and to confirm the accuracy of our records.