



Moving ministries forward, *together.*

Frequently-Asked Questions About Financial Stewardship

Each year, _____ invites every member to make a financial commitment to support God's work through the life and ongoing ministries of our church. We hope these questions and answers will be helpful as you consider your pledge.

- 1. What is a pledge?** Your pledge is your heartfelt, documented financial commitment to support _____'s ministries and programs in the year ahead.
- 2. Why should I pledge?** Your pledge is an opportunity for spiritual growth. Whatever resources we may have or accumulate are gifts of God's grace and goodness, and as disciples of Jesus Christ we are called to serve God through these gifts. This call is inspiring, liberating, and rewarding, and making a financial commitment can be inspiring, liberating, and rewarding as well.
Your pledge also helps the church be able to better operate and thrive as it can anticipate its financial resources for the year.
- 3. How are pledge dollars used?** Your pledge supports everything we experience at _____: the ministries, staff, worship, pastoral care, Christian education, buildings, and much more. Part of your pledge also supports the vital shared ministries of the Moravian Church, Southern Province, such as Laurel Ridge, the Board of Cooperative Ministries, and Sunnyside.
- 4. How much should I pledge?** What you commit to give is a personal decision between God, you, and your family. It should be grounded in your faith, love, and commitment to God's work through _____.
- 5. Is my pledge confidential?** Yes, pledges are kept confidential. (*Consider adding who has access to pledge info and his/her title*)
- 6. How can I pay my pledge?** Pledges may be paid in one payment or using a schedule that's convenient for you. You may set up online payments, bank draft payments, use personal checks, or make payments of appreciated stocks or from an IRA.
- 7. What if I need to change my pledge amount?** We understand that circumstances change, often unexpectedly. Contact _____ to have your pledge amount adjusted at any time during the year.