

Please take some time to prayerfully and thoughtfully consider how much financial support you can give to St. Philip's throughout the coming year. The following is intended to help answer any questions you may have as you consider your pledge.

Why should I pledge financial support?

Pledging provides a disciplined and faithful way to respond to God's gifts to us. Giving a regular gift to St. Philip's also allows the parish to responsibly plan and carry out the many ministries that go on within the church, the neighbourhood, and beyond.

How much should I pledge?

The amount you pledge is a matter for you to determine. Please take time to consider what your financial response to God's faithfulness might be. Returning a portion of your income to the church is a spiritual discipline as well as a practical support of St. Philip's ministries. The following chart is intended to assist you in thinking about the amount of your monthly giving.

| Annual Taxable Income | Monthly Gift | | | |
|-----------------------|--------------|----------|----------|-----------|
| | 1% | 2% | 5% | 10% |
| \$15,000 | \$12.50 | \$25.00 | \$62.50 | \$125.00 |
| \$30,000 | \$25.00 | \$50.00 | \$125.00 | \$250.00 |
| \$50,000 | \$42.00 | \$83.00 | \$208.00 | \$417.00 |
| \$75,000 | \$63.00 | \$125.00 | \$313.00 | \$625.00 |
| \$100,000 | \$83.00 | \$167.00 | \$417.00 | \$833.00 |
| \$150,000 | \$125.00 | \$250.00 | \$625.00 | \$1250.00 |

How else can I give back to God?

Financial support is only one part of Stewardship. St. Philip's needs your time and talents as well as your treasure in order to continue being a vital Christian community. Please consider getting involved (or more involved!) in the many ministries that go on at the church. There are opportunities to get involved on Sunday mornings through reading, leading prayers, singing in the choir, welcoming newcomers, serving coffee, teaching children, and more. There are midweek ministries such as outreach, pastoral care, and street ministries. Your time and your talents are gifts to the church as much as your treasure.

What happens if circumstances change and I need to change my pledge commitment?

Simply contact the church to change your pledge. All pledges are kept in confidence.

What if I am away for an extended period?

St. Philip's sets its budget on the pledges received, so ongoing giving is appreciated. You can set up a pre-authorized donation through the church office, pay your pledge upfront before you leave, or give post-dated cheques.

How should I split my pledge between St. Philip's and my other charitable giving?

Many charitable organizations and good causes require financial support. St. Philip's is one of those good causes! Our response to God is comprised of all the ways we give back. Please consider what portion St. Philip's plays in your personal life, and give accordingly.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful and prayerful consideration of your personal stewardship. Stewardship is truly about our relationship with God - please offer your time, talents, and treasure as a faithful and generous response to God's good gifts to us.