



## **Pledging 101**

### ***Relax and pray.***

Thank God for your many blessings and ask for God's guidance.  
Your pledge is a spiritual commitment between you and God.

### ***Ask yourself some questions.***

Does my standard of giving to God reflect my standard of living?  
Have I prayerfully considered raising my pledge?  
Is my giving in proportion to all that I am thankful for,  
both to God and to St. Thomas's?

### ***Write down your estimated 2013 income.***

Before taxes or after taxes, it's your decision.  
Calculate the percentage you give to God's work in the world.

### ***Consider an increase in your pledge.***

Proportional giving challenges us to be intentional about our support  
of God's work in the world.  
Tithing at least 10% of one's income is the Biblical standard,  
but for many of us, it is a goal we need to work toward over time.  
As you work toward your proportional giving goal,  
consider increasing your pledge by 10% each year.  
For the current average pledge of \$2,300 a year,  
this suggested increase amounts to \$4.40 a week.  
Is there something you can do without  
in order to increase your pledge 10%?

### ***Make the commitment.***

Submit your pledge card by mail, through our website link,  
or by putting it in the offering basket at church before Thanksgiving.