

# St. Thomas's Episcopal Church: 2018 Pledge

Pledger Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Joint Pledger Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

I/we pledge to support St. Thomas's financially with a pledge of:

- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per week  from 1/1/18 until I tell St. Thomas's otherwise  
 for the 2018 calendar year
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month  from 1/1/18 until I tell St. Thomas's otherwise  
 for the 2018 calendar year
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the 2018 calendar year

Regarding automatic pledge payments, I/we:

- plan to start giving via automatic payments
- already give via automatic payments
- would like more information about giving via automatic payments
- are uninterested in giving via automatic payments (that's okay, too!)

**Important note: If and when you sign up for automatic giving, you must still submit this pledge form! We do not receive notice from the credit card service or your financial institution that you have set up a repeating payment.**

In addition to the current ways in which I/we offer time and talent to St. Thomas's, I/we would like to explore serving as:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Joint Pledger Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- Sacristan (Altar Guild)
- Usher/Greeter
- Acolyte/Altar Server
- Vestry Member
- Outreach Project Coordinator
- Day School Volunteer
- Small Group Coordinator
- Fellowship Event Coordinator
- Sunday School Teacher
- Youth Group Leader
- Adult Formation Leader
- Finance Committee Member
- Property Committee Member
- Stewardship Team Member
- Choir Member or Instrumentalist (\_\_\_\_\_)
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Skill you can offer: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **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.