

Sample Giving Levels – Weekly

This chart is meant as a helpful guide for those who are discerning an appropriate amount to give. It is by no means meant to be prescriptive.

Annual Income	2%	4%	6%	8%	10%
\$16,000	6	12	18	25	31
\$25,000	10	19	29	38	48
\$35,000	13	27	40	54	67
\$45,000	17	35	52	69	87
\$60,000	23	46	69	92	115
\$75,000	29	58	87	115	144

WHAT NOW?

All members/families are asked to complete any or all parts of this form, and return it to the Church on Thanksgiving Sunday, when Commitment brochures will be placed on the offering plates and brought to the altar for dedication. Your information will be kept confidential.

Name

Mailing Address

Telephone

Email Address

So let us not grow weary of doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

Galatians 6:9-10

A Theological Reflection on Stewardship

Adapted from "The S Word"

by Archbishop Douglas Hambidge, 2009.

I had known about tithing, and had practiced it since my confirmation. I saw this as the Christian norm. I also knew that my Christian life was meant to be much more than what I did on Sundays, and that it must touch the rest of the week too. I was well aware that Christian service was expected of me, so I happily engaged in Sunday School teaching. But that was as far as it went until I read the parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30).

I belong to God—"I have called you by name; you belong to me" (Isaiah 43:1) and God owns me—"You were bought with a price" (1 Corinthians 6:20).

My life and every aspect of it are in God's hands. I have nothing that is truly mine. I have nothing with which to negotiate my relationship with God. "We brought nothing into this world, so that we can take nothing out..." (1 Timothy 6:7) and "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return..." (Job 1:21).

Everything I have has been entrusted to me: not 10% but all of it—my time, my energies and resources. Ownership has not been abdicated. It has all been entrusted to me for God's benefit, and God anticipates a return on the investment.

I see now that what is needed is a new attitude summed up in this way: It all belongs to God. Whatever I have or am or do, I hold in trust. I will make what I have and am and do count for God's benefit. It may not be much, but it will be all that I have.



Giving to Grow: The Annual Stewardship Campaign



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GIFTS OF TIME & TALENT

Where your talents and the world's needs cross, there lies your vocation. (Aristotle)

St John's has benefited greatly through the years because of the generous gifts of time and talent from parishioners. If you are not already involved in one of these ministries and would like more information on how you can become involved in one or more, please check off the appropriate box(es) below and a ministry coordinator will contact you.

LITURGY AND WORSHIP

- Server
- Reader/Biblical Storyteller
- Intercessor (leader of prayers)
- Music Ministry (Choir, Chimes, Instrument)
- Chancel Guild
- Chalice Bearer
- Greeter
- Sidesperson
- Other: _____

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

- Sunday School
- Ministry to Children and Young Families
- Youth Group
- Messy Church
- Other: _____

PARISH LIFE

- Churchwarden
- Parish Advisory Board
- Synod Delegate
- Coffee Hour Host
- Property Maintenance
- Hospitality
- Follow-up with newly Baptised/Married

- Pastoral Visiting
- Prayer Group
- Newcomers Ministry
- Bible/Book Study/Adult Education
- St Margaret's Guild (ACW)
- Other: _____

OUTREACH

- Sent Church
- Warming Room Shelter Volunteer
- One Roof Community Centre Volunteer
- Other: _____

I have other special skills and abilities (e.g. computer expertise, accounting skills, carpentry, etc.) that I am willing to offer:

GIFTS OF TREASURE

We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give. (Winston Churchill)

St John's is committed to transparent and accountable stewardship of all of gifts offered by our donors. While we experience many of the financial challenges common amongst faith groups, we have been blessed by a community of faithful and generous givers. With your gifts we are able to fulfill a variety of important ministries both inside the Church, as well as out in the wider community.

We live in a world economy of scarcity, competing for finite resources in an ever-expanding consumption-based culture. As Christians, we are called to consider God's economy: a world of abundance where our needs are met by living faithfully and purposefully, trusting that God will provide.

We do this while caring for, and giving thanks for, the gifts God has bestowed upon us, giving back to God in proportion to our faith.

PLAN FOR GIVING NEXT YEAR

Regular donations may be made by using offering envelopes on a weekly basis or monthly by pre-authorized giving (PAG). Both methods may be arranged through the parish office. When determining a level of support for the various ministries of the church, you may designate some givings towards the parish (for internal ministry costs at St John's), FaithWorks (the diocesan appeal), or Warming Room Community Ministries (WRCM, the ministry responsible for the Warming Room shelter, One Roof Community Centre, and the HOME program).

God willing, in _____ it is my intention to support our Church and its work as follows:

To the Parish \$ _____

To FaithWorks \$ _____

To WRCM \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Weekly Monthly Annually

- Offering Envelopes
- Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)

OTHER METHODS OF GIVING

- Planned giving and bequests

Did you know that gifts of securities and annuities may have a favourable tax implication for you? Please also consider naming St John's in your will. If you would like to discuss any of these methods of giving, please feel free speak to a Churchwarden or member of the Finance Committee.