

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

An Offering Inside and Out

2020 Support Pledge Sheet

Stewardship means “caring for”, “taking care of”. When applied to churches, it is a means of tending the garden that feeds us, the garden that feeds all of us and nourishes our sense of spirituality, our connection to the community, and is a tangible means of connecting us to Love- God’s Love, and our Love for Each Other.

Show Up ☐

There are so many ways to give, to make an offering. I have learned that the most important means is simply showing up. In our recent Inquirer’s Class, someone asked... “What can we do?”. My response came quickly, without much thought, and from a place much larger than me: “Show up. Be present. Take the time to come to church on Sundays.” And it’s true. The most significant gift is the offering of your time, your self. Your Body. As Glennon Doyle said about Life (and you can substitute church for life):

*The secret of life is not about knowing what to say or do.
The secret is simply to show up. It's about witnessing it all, even the pain,
and letting it touch you and make you not harder, but more tender.
Showing up, feeling it all— it's how, for me, everything turns holy.*

You may show up for yourself some Sundays, or you may show up for someone else, your very presence providing encouragement and strength for another. Sometimes you know exactly why you are there, sometimes you will never know, but your presence matters.

Do Something ☐

The next step of an offering is doing something, offering not only the gift of your presence, but ALL of your body, your hands, feet, voice, skills, gifts, talents... My dad would always say, “When you don’t know what to do, do the dishes”. Do something! Sing loud. Bring Food. Greet strangers- guests. Participate. Engage. Become active in an outreach ministry. And there are always dishes. ☺

THANK YOU!

Your Pledge will help us impact our community “inside and out” and in preparing our 2020 Budget!

Give Something Beyond Yourself ☐

The final step is an offering of a portion of your treasure, a portion of that which sustains you. There are oodles of guidelines for this (see Rev. Emma with questions). The important thing is the spiritual process, giving from a place of generosity. This teaches us that we have **enough**. Enough for ourselves- and more! Abundance! This simple shift in perspective creates a paradigm shift that changes lives – that will change your own life!

PLEDGED GIVING

MCC NoVA can count on my regular support of \$_____:

☐ Monthly ☐ Bi-weekly ☐ Weekly ☐ Other _____

My financial contribution will be provided:

- ☐ In the offering collection during worship
- ☐ Via Square electronic payment at church
- ☐ Online at the Donate page at mccnova.com

My new pledge will be available:

- ☐ Immediately
- ☐ January 2020

ANNUAL/ONE-TIME CONTRIBUTION

My contribution of \$_____ will be provided:

- ☐ By check made payable to MCC NoVA
- ☐ Via Square electronic payment at church
- ☐ Online at the Donate page at mccnova.com

I would like to give my contribution:

In memory / honor of _____

Consider remembering MCC NoVA in your Estate Planning.

*Remember, all donations to MCC NoVA are fully tax deductible in accordance with current IRS guidelines.
We are a 501(c)3 organization.*

Name(s) _____

☐ This is a family contribution

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please return your pledge by

November 3

**You can drop it in the
offering plate or mail it to:**

**MCC NoVA
10383 Democracy Lane
Fairfax, VA 22030**

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