

2026 Stewardship Pledge FAQs

What is a Stewardship Pledge? When you fill out the pledge form, you're letting the Board of Trustees know what level of financial commitment you will make to the church in the coming year. Typically, people make this commitment in the fall and pay their pledges the following year, either at one time or periodically through the year.

Why is making a pledge so important? Just as you need to know how much income you'll have available to cover your expenses for the year, the board needs the same kind of information to manage the church's finances. Pledges from you and others enable the board to determine how much annual income to expect, allowing them to balance income against anticipated expenses for operating the church.

What does my pledge pay for? At the Annual Meeting each January, our North Chapel Treasurer, Ann Wynia presents the church's annual budget in detail and the membership votes to approve the budget. Your pledge helps to fund a significant portion of the church's total annual budget, including: compensation for Rev. Leon Dunkley, Minister; Diane Mellinger, Director of Music; Joanne Boyle, Administrative Assistant, Tatum Barnes, Director of Spiritual Education, maintenance of the church building, the parsonage, and grounds; office operations; program costs for Sunday services and various church activities.

How can I make a pledge? Making a pledge is easy. You can either complete the form that was sent to you at home and return it to the church office, with attention to Ann Wynia, Treasurer. (North Chapel, 7 Church Street, Woodstock, VT 05091). You can also drop this form in the basket on Sunday or at the church office. Or, fill out a pledge card at church, which you can find in the colored envelopes in the back of the sanctuary, and drop your card in the collection plate or mail it back to the church office.

Is my pledge confidential? Yes. Ann Wynia receives pledges and knows what amount people commit, but this information is not shared with the full board.

How can I pay my pledge? Once you make your pledge, you can pay it all at once or in installments: Write a check to the church, designating your pledge payment. You can mail your check or place it in the basket at Sunday services. You can do this once to pay in full or pay periodically throughout the year. Set up a one-time or periodic transfer from your bank account to the church. Most people who do online banking have their bank write checks to the North Chapel and mail them to the church.

How do I determine my level of giving? Of course, everyone's ability to give is different. We are grateful that over the years North Chapel members have given generously to support the church. If you have given before, we ask that you meet or exceed previous donations, if at all possible. (*You can reach out to Treasurer, Ann Wynia at annwynia0516@gmail.com if you need a reminder of what you pledged last year.*) If you are a new donor to the church, we ask that you make the church a priority for your philanthropic donations and give to the best of your ability.

We are grateful for your support, be it financial or a gift of your time on one of our committees and volunteering for the many social and fundraising endeavors throughout the year.

We couldn't do it without everyone's help!