



All Saints Annual Pledge Campaign: Why Pledge?

Are you new to the Episcopal church and unfamiliar with annual pledging?

Are you interested in pledging but need more information?

No worries! Read on.

A pledge to All Saints is a commitment* to give a certain amount to the church over the next year. We ask for your pledge for a few very important reasons:

Pledging is a guide for the All Saints treasurer and finance committee

When we have an idea about how much people are pledging we can plan (make a budget) for outgoing expenses in the next year. Why is this important? What expenses does our church have to plan for?

- **Nourishing our souls.** Provide meaningful Sunday and special services, celebrate with soaring music, and offer adult faith and formation programs.
- **Caring for our children.** Offer vital learning and formation for children and youth.
- **Providing a beautiful presence in our neighborhood.** Maintain and improve our buildings, grounds, and campus. We have loans, insurance payments, and need to save for future maintenance.
- **Self-sustaining.** We pay for all of our own expenses: staff salaries & benefits, including retirement and health insurance; building costs; outreach; and more. In many other denominations, the equivalent of the diocese pays the clergy and owns the real estate.

Pledging is a good indicator of the parish's spiritual health

Your pledge helps us know we are meeting your spiritual, personal, and connection needs. We know whether we can pay our obligations next year and have enough beyond that to support and expand our ministries to continue to grow in faith and community.

We contribute to the diocese to ensure our neighboring churches thrive in ministry

All Saints is an established and thriving parish. As such we do not receive funding from the diocese or the national church; as a matter of fact, funding flows the other way. We support the diocese including diocesan ministries, new church starts, and assisting parishes in need.

We understand this is an anxious time and that you have other financial commitments

We ask that you consider what All Saints means to you. We ask that, if you are able, you increase your pledge if you pledged last year. Whatever your circumstances your pledge means a lot. Got student loans and other expenses up to your ears? Pledge a few dollars each week. Great new job with great new paycheck? Pledge more.

Your pledge is a vote for the future of All Saints.

What are you voting for?

** Pledges are a commitment, not a legal contract. If you're financial circumstances change, and you need to alter your pledge let us know.*