

# CALCULATING YOUR 2025 PLEDGE

## How much should I give?

The question of how much to pledge toward this year's pledge drive is a matter of prayer and personal discernment for each of us. We offer a few ideas for how you might approach it.

### Traditional Tithing

Tradition, based on Bible passages, suggests giving thanks to God for all that God has given you by making a tithe (10%) of household income. We recognize 10% may be a stretch, but tradition can provide a useful point of reference as you consider your pledge amount.

### Average Contribution

Surveys suggest that most people pledge somewhere between 2.5% and 5% of household income. Considering average contributions at All Saints can help you imagine what is possible and realistic in your own budgeting and giving. For example, In 2024:

- Average Pledge = \$3,291
- Median Pledge = \$2,200
- Largest Pledge = \$26,000
- Lowest Pledge = \$100

### Last Year's Amount, Plus

Start with your last year's pledge amount and see whether you can increase it 5%, 10%, 15%, or 20%.

- If we all increase our pledges 5%, this year's pledge collection will at least keep up with inflation and cost of living increases.
- If we all increase our pledges by 10% or more, we can increase programs for our children, adequately maintain our campus, and save for the future.
- For, example, if your last year's pledge amount was \$4,000, you could consider increasing your pledge to \$4,200 (5%), or \$4,400 (10%), or \$4,600 (15%), or \$4,800 (20%).

### Giving Back, Giving Forward

All Saints holds a special place in our hearts. Consider what All Saints means to you and your household, the role it plays in the lives of your friends and neighbors, the good it is doing in the community and the world. Reflect on whether and how much you can contribute financially to support the incredible work being done here.

### All Pledges Welcome.

You have a place at All Saints irrespective how much you pledge.

What if you don't have \$1,000 to give, but you still want to participate? Wonderful!

Pledge \$5, or \$10, or \$25, or whatever amount you are able to give.

Each and every pledge, regardless of the amount, will be accepted with immense gratitude.

