

# Grow in Grace

## A Prayer for Discerning Your Pledge

*O God, in whose every creation we discover a gift freely given: help us to understand that all we have comes from the outpouring of your generosity, inspire in our hearts a deep sense of gratitude, and move us to share what we have received with the same immensity of spirit in which it was given. May our gifts of substance and service be an example of Christ's enduring presence and outreach to this community and all beings. Amen.*

## A FINANCIAL AND FAITH COMMITMENT FOR 2020 IN SUPPORT OF GOD'S MISSION AT ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Name(s)

For 2019, you pledged a total of \$  to God's mission at St. Andrew's. Thank you!

*We invite you to join individuals and families in making a financial and faith commitment to growing God's mission at St. Andrew's.*

In support of God's mission at St. Andrew's in 2020 and in grateful response to God's blessings, I/we pledge:

### OPTION A

- \$50 per week (\$2,600/year)
- \$75 per week (\$3,900/year)
- \$100 per week (\$5,200/year)
- \$150 per week (\$7,800/year)

### OPTION B

\$\_\_\_\_\_ to be paid

- Weekly     Monthly
- Quarterly     One Time

for a yearly total of \$\_\_\_\_\_

### OPTION C

- I/we will support the mission of St. Andrew's in 2020 but I/we prefer to keep this pledge private.

Signature(s)

Date

*In the event of a financial challenge, I/we recognize that this pledge may be adjusted confidentially by speaking with the clergy.*

Email

Please contact me, I am interested in the following:

- \_\_\_ Donation of appreciated securities
- \_\_\_ Planned Giving through my will
- \_\_\_ Qualified Charitable Contribution from an IRA

Phone



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT**  
You will receive a letter confirming your pledge in November 2019. You will also receive a letter for your tax use reflecting your tax deductible 2020 contributions in January 2021.

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## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is the purpose of the “Grow in Grace” pledge drive?

While God calls us to be good stewards of God’s blessings year round, we focus on monetary giving this time of year in order to invite our members to contribute their financial resources back to God’s mission at St. Andrew’s, as well as to help deepen their commitment to God in Christ.

### How do I determine the amount of my pledge?

Financial commitment to God’s work at St. Andrew’s is a personal, intentional, spiritual decision that we hope you make after much thought, prayer, and in consultation with a spouse or trusted friend. One way to determine your pledge is through the action of incremental increase; that is, increase your pledge by a percentage over last year. For example, if you pledged \$3,400 for 2019, you might increase by 10% to pledge \$3,740 for 2020. Another method is proportional giving.

### What is proportional giving?

The biblical tithe (10% of income) is the basis of the idea of proportional giving, though any proportion can be used. Proportional giving allows everyone to give at a level that reflects his or her resources. The average pledge in 2019 at St. Andrew’s was \$2,671. Here’s a chart with some examples.

Sample Proportional Giving Percentages			
Income	5%	7%	10%
\$20,000	\$1,000	\$1,400	\$2,000
\$50,000	\$2,500	\$3,500	\$5,000
\$100,000	\$5,000	\$7,000	\$10,000
\$250,000	\$12,500	\$17,500	\$25,000

**Why is a pledge preferred to a one-time donation?** For most, spreading a pledge over twelve months (or 52 weeks) allows for a more substantial gift than a single donation and turns the act of giving into a frequent spiritual discipline. Making a pledge also helps us plan next year’s budget.

*Please consider ACH withdrawal from your bank on a monthly basis to support your pledge.* This helps us with maintaining consistent cashflow in support of church operations expenses. The form is included with this mailing and can be returned with your pledge.

### What if I can’t fulfill my pledge?

Life situations change and sometimes such change involves shifting financial realities. If for some reason, you must amend your pledged amount, please let Rev. Shariya know. Please do not feel uncomfortable making such an adjustment.

### Are there ways besides cash and checks by which to fulfill my pledge?

Yes. Some may prefer to give from their capital assets. Appreciated securities, for example, may offer a tax advantage not available in a cash gift. In addition, qualified charitable distributions from an IRA to St. Andrew’s could satisfy required minimum distributions for those over age 70 ½.

### What about planned giving in my will?

In addition to current yearly giving, notifying the church that one’s will includes a bequest facilitates long-term financial planning. Check the box on the front side of this sheet for more information about planned giving to the St. Andrew’s Endowment.

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Grace

*and in the knowledge  
of our Lord and Saviour  
Jesus Christ.*

2 Peter 3:18