



# St. James's

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## Questions & Answers: Making a Pledge to St. James's

Each fall, every member of the congregation is asked to make a financial commitment to the ongoing ministries of St. James's. Collectively, our gift commitments provide about 70% of our annual budget. Without our support, St. James's would not be this church that we love.

**What is a pledge?** A pledge (or annual gift) is a financial promise, a commitment to the ministry of St. James's and an indication of your generosity. Pledges provide the Vestry with an estimate of expected income essential for the preparation of our annual budget. St. James's simply cannot operate and thrive without a reasonable estimate of its financial resources.

**Doesn't St James's receive support from our Endowment Fund?** The St. James's Endowment Fund provides capital support for our church physical plant and campus. (This year the Endowment Fund provides about 7% of our annual budget). The Endowment Fund is an important resource for St. James's, but the Church's annual operations depend heavily on annual giving.

**How much should I pledge?** The amount of your pledge is a personal decision grounded in your faith, love and commitment to God's work through our church.

**When should I pledge?** We ask everyone to make a pledge in October for the upcoming calendar year (2022) so that we can revise our budget. You may fulfill your commitment throughout the following calendar year.

# Thank you!

## What to consider as you determine your annual gift:

**Pray. Give it to God.** We are members of St. James's because of our love and commitment to Christ and the Christian life. Ask for God's help to guide you.

**Your life's blessings.** Your gift should be given in a sense of gratitude and generosity for all that you receive.

**How St. James's gives to you.** Is it the liturgy, our service to others in the community and the world, our lifelong Christian education, the music, or just the pure joy of our fellowship?

**Every gift matters.** Please know that each gift, large or small, is critical to the continued support and maintenance of our church and ministry. Your gift matters!



*Together, we're all moving closer to God.  
Together, we're creating meaning in our  
lives and hope in the world. And together  
we're all making our church home more  
comforting, more welcoming  
and more life-changing.*

**Pledge online at [doers.org](https://doers.org)**