

5 STEPS

TO THE SPIRITUAL PRACTICE OF GIVING

MAKE YOUR PLEDGE ONLINE



For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill His good purpose.

—Philippians 1:13

God is working in and through you to realize His vision for us; a Community Connecting in Christ. For your service to the Lord, we are thankful!

In November, we invited you to help Covenant close the budget gap for this fiscal year and you responded. Covenant received above-and-beyond giving over the last two months that has set the course for us to close the year in the black. To God be the glory!

Now we enter the second stage of the November appeal, our annual giving drive. To allow Covenant to continue vital ministry in this community, we ask you to consider taking a step forward in your annual pledge.

As outlined in 'Our Plan', ministry expense proposals are largely flat. The only increases of note are in Debt Service and Personnel. Over the next few weeks, we will discuss the reasons for those necessary increases.

We have been *Released* by Christ—on a mission to bear fruit in the world. Collectively, our faithful steps forward in giving will empower Covenant's ministries toward lasting impact in our community.

—Peace,

Pastor Jason & Pastor Dario

BEGIN WITH PRAYER

Thank God for your blessings. Ask for guidance and discernment on how much to pledge.

REFLECT ON PAST GIVING

Assess your giving last year as a percentage of your income.

SET YOUR GOAL

If you aren't regularly giving, take the first step this year. Even pledging \$5/week (\$20/month) can illustrate your heart for our shared work.

If you already pledge, commit to increasing your gift by 1-3% of your income, moving towards tithing.

If you are tithing, thank you for your faithfulness.

COMPLETE A 2022/23 PLEDGE

Making a pledge is an expression of your commitment to growing in your faith and generosity. A digital card is available at covenantconnects.life/pledge.

WORSHIP WITH GRATITUDE

Whether you pledge online or use the enclosed card, complete your card and bring it to worship on Sunday, Feb. 6. Together, we will express our gratitude to God and present our pledges in support of Covenant's ministry.

You are the body of Christ. Each of you is a part of it.

—1 Corinthians 12:27

Each year Covenant's annual giving campaign goal is for 100% of members to make a financial pledge to the ministry. In this way, we embrace the truth that we are the body of Christ.

In addition, each of us has a part to play in the body. This year we are challenging the church with an additional goal: 50% of pledgers taking a step forward from previous giving either with a first-time pledge or by increasing their pledge.

God is calling Covenant to great things in 2022 and your financial support will be more important than ever. Are you able to take a step forward in your giving? Is God inviting you to make this impact?

—Malcolm & Laura Jacobson,
Stewardship Chairs

OUR GOALS:

**100% OF OUR MEMBERS
PLEDGE**

**50% TAKE A STEP
FORWARD**

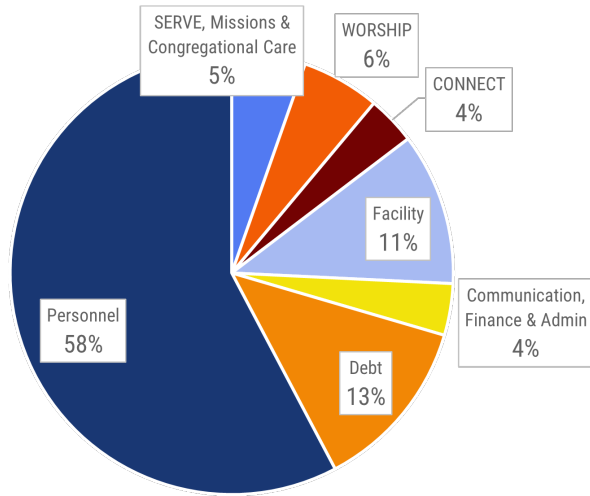
OUR PLAN

GIVING FAQ



2022/23 projected expenses

The projected budget below will be adjusted based on your pledges, and approved by the church.



	Prior Yr. Budget	2022/23 Request	Increase
SERVE • Missions • Congregational Care	\$52,133	\$50,658	(\$1,475)
WORSHIP	58,520	53,882	(4,638)
CONNECT	27,277	33,463	6,186
Facility	101,436	104,774	3,338
Communication • Finance • Admin	35,622	35,532	(90)
Debt	84,000	120,000	36,000
Personnel	486,726	543,962	57,236
TOTAL	\$845,714	\$942,271	\$96,557

NOTE ABOUT PLEDGES: Covenant's pledge year runs from March through February, not January through December.

What is stewardship?

Simply put, stewardship is another way for a church to say "annual giving campaign". Stewardship is your individual or family's faith journey to prayerfully consider how God has gifted you and to explore what God is asking you to give to your church.

What's a pledge?

A pledge is your financial commitment over the next year to support Covenant's mission and ministry. We believe that it provides a mechanism through which we can give consciously and consistently as we grow in financial holiness.

What's a tithe?

A tithe is a commitment of 10% of one's income. It is the Biblical standard of giving first introduced by God to Abraham in Genesis 14:20. For most, tithing requires sacrifice. Jesus teaches on the power of sacrificial generosity in Mark 12:41-44 calling us to challenge ourselves. We respond in faith by tithing 10% of our income or by prayerfully and strategically growing toward a tithe.

Why do we need annual pledges?

Pledges empower our Finance Team to realistically budget for existing ministries and to resource new ones. They are the foundation on which Covenant builds a responsible budget. Weekly non-pledge offerings amount to 16% of our annual budgeted revenue. The single most important source of funding for our ministries comes from the payment of pledges made during our annual stewardship campaign.

Can I make a non-cash legacy gift?

Yes. If you are considering giving to Covenant through a will, trust, foundation, or estate please check the interest box on the pledge card and we will reach out to open a conversation on the options available.

What if I can't give as much as I pledged?

We know that life happens. If circumstances change, let us know.

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