

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS - OUR STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Why is regular giving important to the Church?

Like an ordinary household, the expenses of our church are due day by day and week by week. A clear indication from as many members of the congregation as possible of their regular and intentional offerings will permit our Vestry to establish programs and budgets.

I give my time, talent, or treasure to other charities. How does that affect my pledge to Immanuel?

Much as God created unique individuals, our personal time, talent, and treasure circumstances vary greatly. Many of us make contributions to various charitable causes as well as to the Church. We must each determine our priorities and responsibilities as befits our households. As you seek to balance these demands with respect to your time, talent, and treasure, you are invited to consider making an intentional, proportional offering through your time toward our work in God's name. You will see more information on the Intention Form.

One of the things we talk about is Proportional Giving. What is the concept of "Proportional Giving"?

Proportional giving means we are challenged to give first to God, rather than whatever amount is left over. This is an individual decision that each person or family makes. All of us need to give thoughtful and serious consideration and to think prayerfully on what each is called to contribute regularly and meaningfully.

What is the best way to make my financial contribution? Is there a convenient way to give regularly? How can I support the congregation when I can't attend services?

Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) is a form of automatic monthly electronic payment. It is available to you and is a convenient way to make an intentional pledge to support the ongoing work of our congregation. If you would like more information or to sign up for PAG, please contact the Treasurer, Sheila Kluczny. This can be cancelled at any time.

or

Church envelopes, dated for each Sunday of the year, are available. This will enable you to make your offering each week and/or monthly if that is more convenient. Envelope boxes are available from the Envelope Secretary, Joyce Sewell.

or

You may send money through an email money transfer to the Treasurer at immanueltreasurer123@gmail.com to help you contribute on a regular basis.

Will my financial pledge be confidential?

Yes. The amount you pledge and the amount you give are treated confidentially. The only people who are privy to this information are the Treasurer and the Envelope Secretary.

What if my personal circumstances change during the year?

If your personal or family circumstances change, you may need to alter your pledge. The Intention Form is not legally binding, but helps our parish community plan for the future.

What if I can't contribute financially or increase my financial giving right now?

Those who may be unemployed or facing serious financial burdens could consider how they might give of their time and talent to the church on a weekly basis and pray for the ministry of the church. We encourage you to give what you can, even in our hardship we experience blessing.

Why do you need me to return the Intention Form?

Returning the Intention Form is a sign of your participation and commitment to the parish.