



Annual Stewardship Campaign

September 13-November 15



In the coming weeks, you will be receiving materials in the mail and through our e-newsletter about this year's Stewardship Campaign. The Stewardship season is when our church runs our Annual Pledge campaign where we ask each parishioner to make a promise to giving what they are able in the coming year. Your financial gifts help support our \$1.5 million operating budget, which is made possible only through the generous gifts made by you.

Make Your Pledge Today:

- Scan the QR code or go to onrealm.org/CHT/AddPledge/2027 and submit your pledge online
- Take a pledge card from your pew and put it into the Offertory plate
- Mail back your pledge card to the Church (1904 Walnut St.) c/o Dir. of Advancement

After you submit your pledge, you will receive an acknowledgment letter both via mail and email. On the back of this page, you will also find some FAQs.

Ways of Giving

- Automated online giving through Realm
- Checks
- Cash giving through Offertory Plate (please be sure to write your name)
- Stocks and securities
- Qualified IRA distribution
- Employee match program
- Donor-advised funds

Questions? Email staff member Inaara Neal-Shiraz at communications@htrit.org.

Stewardship Campaign: Frequently Asked Questions

What is a pledge?

Pledging is a form of giving that represents your deep relationship to the church community and your commitment to sustain our church and all of its ministries. A pledge is a financial offering you promise to make in 2027, usually broken into smaller payments. People complete their pledges through various forms of giving: cash, check, online giving, IRA distributions, stocks/securities, and donor-advised funds.

What's the difference between a pledge and a donation?

Pledges symbolize a commitment to give consistently throughout the upcoming year to help support the costs, operations, facilities, and ministries of our church, while donations can be one-time offerings and made without a promise to continue to give in the coming year.

What's the benefit of pledging?

Your pledges create the lifeline for our church to continue! Pledging is an act of marking that you care about this community and thus you wish to be involved in ensuring its financial health. An additional benefit of pledging is that it allows our Vestry members, who are elected by the parishioners, to create a budget for the 2027 year.

How much should I pledge?

Each pledge is treated with equal weight and gratitude. Many treat their pledge as a tithe, aiming to give 10% of their household income. Please know that every gift, whatever you can give and however small or large, makes a difference.

What is the impact of pledging? How much have our pledge campaigns raised in the past?

Every gift, no matter how small or large, makes a difference! Our church expenses total nearly \$1.5 million per year. Our pledges cover about 15-20% of our operating expenses. In the past years our pledge campaigns have raised between \$200,000-\$250,000 and we have about 60 pledgers. Parishioners give generously, and as they are able; pledges range from \$10 to \$3,000 a month.

Do I need to pledge monthly?

Many parishioners pledge monthly, and that is certainly an option. If you prefer a different pledging schedule (weekly, quarterly, annually, etc.), you can make your selection when you submit your pledge online.

Can I schedule my pledge so that payments are automatically processed?

Yes, you can automate your payments through your online giving profile in our giving platform called Realm. If you have trouble accessing your Realm account, please reach out to staff member Inaara by emailing communications@htrit.org.

I have more questions. Who can I contact?

Email Inaara at communications@htrit.org with any questions you may have!