



Stewardship is a Lifelong Journey

A Suggestion for Beginning the Journey

*Calculate your annual household income.
Write down your current annual pledge to the church.
Calculate the percent of income you are currently giving to the church.
Consider what gift (or percent of your income) would bring you joy.*

More Food for Thought

On an annual basis, how much does your household spend on _____?

(Insert something you consider to be a discretionary expense such as hobbies, entertainment, vacations, etc.)

What percent of your income do you spend on this item annually?

Compare this number with the percent given to the church.

What Portion Shall I Give?

Determining our giving to God through the church requires prayer and faith. Biblical tradition, as well as the teaching of the Episcopal Church, suggests the practice of giving away 10% (a tithe) of our income. For some, it is helpful to calculate the current percent of income given to the church and to grow one or two percent per year until the tithe is reached. As a guide for your stewardship journey, we offer this proportionate giving chart.

Annual Income	2%	4%	6%	8%	10%	12%	15%
\$10,000	\$200	\$400	\$600	\$800	\$1,000	\$1,200	\$1,500
\$20,000	\$400	\$800	\$1,200	\$1,600	\$2,000	\$2,400	\$3,000
\$30,000	\$600	\$1,200	\$1,800	\$2,400	\$3,000	\$3,600	\$4,500
\$40,000	\$800	\$1,600	\$2,400	\$3,200	\$4,000	\$4,800	\$6,000
\$50,000	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$7,500
\$75,000	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$4,500	\$6,000	\$7,500	\$9,000	\$11,250
\$100,000	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$6,000	\$8,000	\$10,000	\$12,000	\$15,000
\$125,000	\$2,500	\$5,000	\$7,500	\$10,000	\$12,500	\$15,000	\$18,750

Proportionate Giving

Being a proportionate giver is simply understanding what percentage of our blessings (including monetary income) we give back to God. For some, giving back 10% (or more) of their annual income is a daunting challenge. This is why stewardship is about growth. It encourages us to assess where we are in returning a substantial proportion of our blessings back to God out of gratitude for everything we have been given. It is about finding the level of giving that brings us joy.