



Renewed In Spirit

Stewardship 2010, Renewed In Spirit is an important turning point at St. Mark's Church. With a new rector and formation director, we begin a new opportunity to share our vision, mission, faith and treasure. Stewardship at St. Marks will become part of our ministry emphasized throughout the year in three parts; Time, Talent and Treasure.

Goals for 2010 include:

- Increase funding for Christian Education
- Increase funding for Worship, Pastoral Care and Parish Life
- Recommit ourselves to Outreach programs
- Begin to reduce our financial dependence on our Day School
- Provide for Rector's Housing

How Much Should I give?

Everyone's ability to give financially is different. Some members of our church have been able to tithe, others are just starting to give and some are beginning to stretch. Some in our church pledge at one level but have been able to provide additional cash gifts when opportunities arrive. All of your efforts are gratefully appreciated. In real numbers, as a congregation, we currently give less than 2% annually. Less than twenty pledges out of a hundred have been above \$2,000. If we were able to increase our giving, as a congregation, to just 3% of our income, we could achieve our goals and go much further toward rebuilding our contingency fund. Please use the chart below to help you with your pledge for 2010.

ANNUAL GIVING BASED ON:				
Annual Family Income	Beginner Proportional Giving	Starting To Stretch	Halfway There	Biblical Tithe (you have arrived)
Dollars	2%	3%	5%	10%
\$20,000	\$400	\$600	\$1,000	\$2,000
40,000	800	1,200	2,000	4,000
60,000	1,200	1,800	3,000	6,000
83,892	1,678	2,517	4,195	8,389
100,000	2,000	3,000	5,000	10,000
125,000	2,500	3,750	6,250	12,500
150,000	3,000	4,500	7,500	15,000
175,000	3,500	5,250	8,750	17,500
200,000	4,000	6,000	10,000	20,000
250,000	5,000	7,500	12,500	25,000
500,000	10,000	15,000	25,000	50,000



It is the *Mission of the people* of St. Mark's to know God, grow with one another, and *serve God* in a caring community of faith.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church



Sharing of Our Treasures

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Home _____

Work _____

E-Mail Address: _____

In gratitude to God for His many blessings to me and my family, as part of my commitment to my life in Christ, and in support of Renewed In Spirit at St. Mark's Church which is working to reach its stewardship goals, I/we pledge to St. Mark's Episcopal Church the following:

\$ _____ for the year 2010.

Please indicate what direct commitment you would like to contribute to on the **reverse side**.

Please circle:

weekly monthly quarterly annually

____ I would like pledge envelopes.

____ I do not need pledge envelopes.

Cut along dotted line

Directed Commitment

Our individual passions help keep us a balanced and diverse Church Family. In 2010, we would like to offer the option of directing 20% of your pledge to a specific fund. If you would like to direct a portion of your pledge, please mark the appropriate option below and we will see that your funds are directed to that ministry.

Of my 2010 Commitment, I understand

80% will go to operations.

I/We would like to direct the remaining 20% of my/our pledge toward my/our passion of:

___% Formation Programs

___% Worship Life

___% Parish Life

___% Outreach Efforts

___% Pastoral Care

___% Rector Housing Allowance



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STEWARDSHIP 2010

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Pledge Card for 2010
Please return to St. Mark's Church
on or before November 15, 2009



Stewardship Statement*

We Believe:

We are the children of God, and we need to give. In every aspect of our lives, we are entrusted to be stewards of God's creation. In response to the gospel of Jesus Christ, we are invited to give freely and to exercise joyfully our gifts through mission and ministry.

We commit ourselves:

To boldly claim God's abundant provision in our lives; to offer extravagantly our time, talent, and money to do God's work; and to strive to practice tithing as a minimum standard of giving.

We challenge all members, young and old, of St. Mark's Episcopal Church:

To confront our fears of scarcity;
To embrace a new vision of stewardship through a joyful response to God's extravagant gifts;
To empower the mission of Christ through generous giving.

We invite:

Everyone at St. Mark's Episcopal Church to join us, The Rector, Wardens and Vestry in this commitment.

*This statement was adopted by the Vestry of St. Mark's Church, September 2007.