

The Church Offers Some Guidelines to Assist You in This Important Decision

WHAT DOES MY PLEDGE SUPPORT? ☞ Your pledge supports the work of the Church as we pray and worship, proclaim the gospel, and promote justice, peace, and love.

WHY DOES MY PLEDGE MATTER? ☞ Pledges make up the greatest source of St. Boniface's financial support. And they provide the Vestry with a guide to plan the budget that supports our vision for 2019. Most importantly for you, your pledge matters as part of your praise and thanksgiving to God.

HOW MUCH SHOULD I GIVE? ☞ Every General Convention of the Episcopal Church since 1982 has affirmed the tithe as the standard for giving.

WHAT IS A TITHE? ☞ The tithe is the ancient form of financial praise and thanksgiving to God. It is proportional giving based on 10% of your income. The tithe is also "first fruit," the first check written before other bills are paid. Both the Old and New Testaments mention tithes.

HOW DO I GET TO THE TITHE? ☞ As in all things, begin with prayer. A tithe may sound like an unattainable goal to begin with, but if you start with a certain proportion of your income and increase the percentage each year, you will be tithing in a short time. You could start with 5%, a half tithe. Another option is 2½%, which is equivalent to pledging the first hour's pay of a 40-hour workweek. See the chart below for examples of proportional giving, helping you work toward tithing.

CAN I CHANGE MY PLEDGE DURING THE YEAR? ☞ Yes! We understand that circumstances change. Simply let the church office know.

WHAT IF I'M HERE ONLY PART OF THE YEAR? ☞ Many parishioners at St. Boniface support two — or more! — churches. We invite you to pledge for the portion of the year you are with us.

☞ A FINAL THOUGHT ☞

How can your generosity transform you, our parish, and the community beyond?