



**The Church of the Epiphany
in the City of Washington**

2015 Pledge Form

“We are blessed, and we are called to be a blessing to others.”

Parish Stewardship Statement

God offers us a life of abundance and calls us to celebrate our lives and unique capabilities as gifts. We believe that God wants us to use these gifts, not only for ourselves, but for all creation.

In a world broken by unshared bread, God invites us to a table with room enough and bread enough for all. We accept God’s invitation, and we bring with joy our gifts to God’s table.

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Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Work Phone: _____

Primary phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

With a joyful and generous heart, I/we plan to give the following total amount of money to God in 2015 through The Church of the Epiphany:

\$_____ (Total pledged for 2015)

Signature(s): _____

The frequency of my/our offering will probably be:

weekly quarterly
 monthly one-time gift

The method of my/our offering will probably be:

cash electronic transfer credit card
 check online contribution

I/we would like offering envelopes:

yes no

PLEASE TURN OVER ☺

We are blessed with the opportunity to serve our brothers and sisters in Christ through the work of many different ministries at The Church of the Epiphany. This Pledge Form is a promise made between you and God. It is not a legal document; if your financial circumstances change, you are always at liberty to alter your pledge amount. You are encouraged to use both practical analysis and prayerful discernment in determining how much money to give to God through The Church of the Epiphany. A pledge is a realistic, meaningful, and joyful gift to God.

Thank you for your conscious financial commitment to the life and ministry of our faith community!

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Proportionate Giving

How to determine a pledge using the principle of proportionate giving:

Divide the amount of your current financial contributions to Epiphany's Ministry Fund by your current income, then multiply that number by 100. That will tell you what percentage of your income you are currently giving. Then prayerfully consider pledging a greater percentage of your expected 2015 income, remembering that the tithe (10% of one's income) is the Biblical norm, and working towards that goal. The chart below gives sample numbers for income and then the dollar figure for a particular percentage of that income. In determining an amount to pledge to God through

Epiphany, you may find these questions helpful:

What amount is realistic?

What is amount is meaningful?

What amount brings you joy?

| INCOME | \$25,000 | \$50,000 | \$75,000 | \$100,000 | \$125,000 |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1% | \$250 | \$500 | \$750 | \$1,000 | \$1,250 |
| 2% | \$500 | \$1,000 | \$1,500 | \$2,000 | \$2,500 |
| 3% | \$750 | \$1,500 | \$2,250 | \$3,000 | \$3,750 |
| 4% | \$1,000 | \$2,000 | \$3,000 | \$4,000 | \$5,000 |
| 5% | \$1,250 | \$2,500 | \$3,750 | \$5,000 | \$6,250 |
| 6% | \$1,500 | \$3,000 | \$4,500 | \$6,000 | \$7,500 |
| 7% | \$1,750 | \$3,500 | \$5,250 | \$7,000 | \$8,750 |
| 8% | \$2,000 | \$4,000 | \$6,000 | \$8,000 | \$10,000 |
| 9% | \$2,250 | \$4,500 | \$6,750 | \$9,000 | \$11,250 |
| 10% | \$2,500 | \$5,000 | \$7,500 | \$10,000 | \$12,500 |

**Bring your 2015 Pledge Form to Epiphany on November 2, All Saints' Sunday, which is our Pledge Sunday. During worship, you will be invited to come forward and place your 2015 Pledge Form on the altar to be blessed by God. If you can't attend church on November 2, you may mail it to:
The Church of the Epiphany, 1317 G St, NW, Washington, DC 20005**

Pledge payments may be made in person, by mail, or online by visiting www.epiphanydc.org and clicking on the "Give Now" tab.