



Stewardship 2024 FAQ

Q. What's Stewardship Season?

A. Stewardship Season is everybody's favorite time of year! From Sunday, October 22nd to Consecration Sunday, November 19th we'll be talking about \$MONEY\$! You heard me right—Money, money, money! In church, when we talk about money, finances, giving, and pledging, our aim is to have the discussion without the stress, without the guilt, and without the threats that can sometimes make fundraising NO FUN. Instead, we discuss our finances and our giving in a calm, non-anxious, transparent, honest, and empowering way. Over the course of the season we'll have prayers, preaching, testimonies, and other FUN activities designed to engage us in planning for how much we can pledge to the church's 2024 budget.

Q. What's pledging? How does it work?

A. Your 2024 pledge is the amount of money you're able to contribute to the church's 2024 budget. It's a promise in 2023 to contribute a set amount to the church on a regular basis in 2024. After you've figured out how much you're able to give, you fill out a pledge card and return it to the church by **November 16** so it can be blessed on **Consecration Sunday, November 19**. We'll have FUN blessing the pledge cards during worship. Then we'll hand them over to the finance team who will use the numbers to compose our 2024 budget. We'll all see that budget (and members will vote on it) at the Congregational Meeting in February. If your circumstances change during the year, you can always change your pledge.

See the opposite page for info on how you can pledge online and pay your pledge.

Q. How much is an appropriate amount to pledge?

A. Your pledge should fall somewhere in the range of \$1–\$1,000,000. Pledging is FUN for everybody! If you discern that you're able to promise one penny for 2024, then that is how much you should write on your pledge card. Give until it feels GOOD. Some people will tithe to the church—something like 5–10% of their income. Remember, we have a small endowment that helps us to maintain the church property, but the money we need to run the church, pay our staff, and fund our ministries all comes from us and not the UCC!

Q. Can I make my pledge online?

A. A simple-to-use online pledge form is available asking for the same information as the pledge card. Just fill in the "Your answer" lines as requested. Be sure to notice the red asterisks which indicate required items. After you click submit, you will have the opportunity to go back and change your form. After you are done, you will receive an email acknowledging your pledge.

To access the online pledge form:

Click [here](#) for the online pledge form link, **or**

Go to the church's website at www.glenridgecong.org

- Select **Give** at the far right of the top menu bar.
- Then select the red **Pledge Here** button on the **Give** page.
- On the **Pledging** page you will find a "**Make your pledge here**" link, as well as links to other information that may be helpful in determining your pledge amount.

Q. How can I make my pledge payments?

A. You can make your pledge payments in any of the following ways:

- Credit or debit card (through, *Tithe.ly*, *PayPal* or *Venmo* – see below)
- Bank transfer (through *Tithe.ly*, *PayPal* or *Venmo* or directly from your bank account like you would for any automatic bill paying)
- Cash or check
- Appreciated stock/IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution

Online Giving Options:

Tithe.ly: Access the [Tithe.ly GRCC Giving Form](#) here or through the **Give** page of the church's website at www.glenridgecong.org/give *Tithe.ly* also allows you to set up automatic recurring payments. A free *Tithe.ly* app is available at the iTunes or Google Play stores.



Venmo: Search for **@GR-Cong-Church**
name on the account is Pam Figlar: Finance Ministry Chair)

PayPal: Search for **grcc195@gmail.com**
name on the account is Lance Cholet: Treasurer)

Important: If you use *PayPal* or *Venmo*, please include the purpose for your payment in the notes section.