

## HELP TRINITY MOVE



# The 2023 Annual Stewardship Campaign

October 2022

Dear members of the Trinity family,

Trinity is moving forward:

- in faith
- to continued growth
- with a new Priest in Charge
- towards our next 175 years
- with remodeled buildings and grounds

This is the time of the year for our annual pledge campaign when everyone in the parish is asked to make a pledge of their time, talent, and treasure. Stewardship includes your financial contribution to the parish, and this enables us as a community to plan our 2023 budget and do the work that God is calling us to do. Annual pledges demonstrate your commitment to Trinity and allow us to continue our ministry and to support the prudent maintenance of our property and resources.

We invite you this year to pledge in order to deepen your spirituality. Pray as you consider your pledge. Pray and thank God as you fill out your pledge form. Pray and thank God every time you pay your pledge. Remember always that you are a part of God's mission of restoring the earth from uncertainty and chaos to the harmony that was present at creation.

If you have never pledged before, please do so this year as our budget is calculated based on pledge totals. Several parishioners donate faithfully every week, but do not make a pledge. Our goal is to have every member of the parish make a pledge. All pledges are strictly confidential and all pledges, no matter the amount, will deepen your spirituality. If you have pledged before, in the spirit of our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we invite you to consider increasing your pledge by some percentage using 175 as your base. Example: a pledge of \$100/month might increase to \$117.50 or 17.5%. Our goal is to increase the total parish pledge by 1.75% to \$104,803.

Many parishes use the standard of tithing when determining their expected pledges from their congregations. A tithe is traditionally the gift of 10% of your annual income. The concept of tithing comes from several biblical sources:

“Bring God a free-will offering proportionate in size to his blessing upon you as judged by the amount of your harvest.” *Deuteronomy 16:10*

“Let each one of you give according to how the Lord has prospered you.” *1 Corinthians 16:2*

There is also the concept of modern tithing – designating 5% of your income to the church and 5% to other worthy non-profit organizations that you choose to support in fulfilling God’s Kingdom on earth.

A third concept is proportional tithing – designating a set percentage of your income for the church, with the goal of increasing your pledge as circumstances permit. Here is a chart illustrating various amounts of suggested giving. If your circumstances change during the year, you can always adjust the amount of your pledge.

If my annual income is:	\$30,000	\$50,000	\$75,000	\$100,000	\$200,000	\$500,000
2% of my annual income is:	\$600	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$10,000
5% of my annual income is:	\$1,500	\$2,500	\$3,750	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$25,000
10% of my annual income is:	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$7,500	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$50,000
15% of my annual income is:	\$4,500	\$7,500	\$11,250	\$15,000	\$30,000	\$75,000

This year’s campaign will begin on Stewardship Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> with a brunch and special activities. It will end on Harvest Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> when all of the pledges will be presented at the altar during the Offertory. Additional “harvest” activities will also take place on that day.

Please complete and submit the accompanying pledge form on or before November 6<sup>th</sup>.



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Faithfully, Trinity Finance Committee: Dave Ginter, Bob Pitzschler, Nancy Wilson, Dick Worth

Please complete this pledge form and mail it to Trinity Episcopal Church, 1734 Huntington Tpke., Trumbull, CT 06611 or place it in an envelope and deposit it in the collection plate on any Sunday on or before November 6<sup>th</sup> – “Harvest Sunday”.

## TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, NICHOLS, CT

### Annual Pledge for 2023



I/we wish to commit a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ over one year (January – December 2023), to fund the church’s annual budget.

Pledge to be paid in increments of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be made as follows:

- Weekly     Monthly     Quarterly     One time gift

**Method of Payment:**

- Cash or Check     Secure on-line payment <http://trinitynichols.org/> (through Tithe.ly)     Monthly Envelope  
*please check box if you need pledge envelopes*

Your Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_



From these pledges, the Vestry will develop a budget for the coming fiscal year which begins January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. The Vestry, by policy, must create a balanced budget that may not exceed the funds it expects to receive. The final budget is adopted by the Vestry and will be presented to the congregation at our annual meeting in late January.