

Pledging FAQ

1. What is a pledge? Your pledge is your heartfelt, documented financial commitment to support Home Church's ministries and programs in the year ahead.

2. Why should I pledge? Pledging is an opportunity for spiritual growth, helping Christians to reflect on both our blessings and our responsibilities. Pledging also helps the church create a budget, which supports effective operation (and thus our ministry).

3. Is pledging a requirement for Home Church membership? While there is no specific requirement, our church constitution lists "contributing as the Lord prospers" as part of communicant membership "in good standing." Membership in good standing is a constitutional requirement to serve as a board member or as a delegate at provincial Synods. It is also required for burial in God's Acre.

Because "good standing" is required for these important parts of church life, we strongly encourage our members to create a record of giving. Pledging is one way to create such a record. Be aware that putting cash in the offering plate does not create a record, unless you use envelopes marked with your name. If it has been your habit to contribute cash, please consider either pledging instead, or using envelopes (which the church can provide). Either way, you'll create a record of your contributions. The amount does not matter. What matters is creating a record of financial giving so that "good standing" is obvious.

If you are not able to make a financial contribution, prayerfully consider how to share the time and talent with which the Lord has prospered you. Such contributions can also be evidence of a member's "good standing" in the situations listed above.

3. How are pledge dollars used? Your pledge supports all of Home Church: the ministries, staff, worship, outreach, pastoral care, Christian education, buildings, and much more. Part of your pledge also supports the vital shared ministries of the Moravian Church, Southern Province, such as Laurel Ridge, the Board of Cooperative Ministries, and Sunnyside.

4. How much should I pledge? What you commit to give is a personal decision between God, you, and your family, grounded in your faith, love, and commitment to God's work through Home Church.

5. Is my pledge confidential? Yes. Only treasurer-administrator Kathy Barnes and financial secretary Terri Cheek will know the amount of your pledge.

6. How can I pay my pledge? In whatever way works best for you and your family. You can fulfill your pledge in one payment or use a schedule that's convenient for you. You may set up online payments or bank draft payments, use personal checks, or make payments of appreciated stocks or from an IRA.

7. What if I need to change my pledge amount? We understand that circumstances change, often unexpectedly. Contact Kathy Barnes (kbarnes@homemoravian.org) or Terri Cheek (tcheek@homemoravian.org) to discuss.