PLENTY OF ROOM

A FINANCIAL AND FAITH COMMITMENT FOR 2027
IN SUPPORT OF GOD'S MISSION AT ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Prayer for Discerning Your Pledge

Gracious God, giver of all good gifts: grant me the grace, wisdom, and insight to discern how you are calling me to use my time, talent, and financial resources to live more fully into my identity as a disciple of your Son Jesus Christ and as an apostle sent out into the world in peace to love and serve you. Give me the strength and courage to trust you in all things, and the gladness and singleness of heart to discover when I have enough. Lord, please move the collective heart and mind of the people of St. James' to use my gift to further your mission in Danbury and throughout the world. Amen.

Name(s) *please print*	
In support of God's mission at St. James' and in grateful response to God's blessings, I/we pledge	$ for the year 2027
I/we plan to pay this pledge ☐ Weekly ☐ Monthly ☐ Quarterly ☐ Full Amount Yearly	**I would like pledge envelopes** ☐ Yes ☐ No
Email	Phone ☐ Cell ☐ Home
Signature(s)	Date

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the purpose of the "Plenty of Room" pledge drive?

While God calls us to be good stewards of God's blessings year-round, we focus on monetary giving this time of year in order to invite our members to contribute their financial resources back to God's mission at St. James', as well as to help deepen their commitment to God in Christ.

How do I determine the amount of my pledge?

Financial commitment to God's work at St. James' is a personal, intentional, spiritual decision that we hope you make after much thought, prayer, and in consultation with a spouse or trusted friend. One way to determine your pledge is through the action of incremental increase; that is, increase your pledge by a percentage over last year. For example, if you pledged $2,500 for 2026, you might increase by 5% to pledge $2,650 for 2027. Another method is proportional giving.

What is proportional giving?

The Biblical tithe (10% of income) is the basis of the idea of proportional giving, though any proportion can be used. Proportional giving allows everyone to give at a level that reflects his or her resources. The average pledge in 2026 was $4,100. Here's a chart with some examples.

THANK YOU for your commitment to God & St. James'

In the event of a financial challenge, I/we recognize that this pledge may be adjusted confidentially by speaking with the clergy.

☐ Please contact me about planned giving to the St. James' Endowment.

You will receive a letter confirming your pledge in November 2026. You will also receive a letter for your tax use reflecting your tax deductible 2027 contributions in January 2028.

St. James' Episcopal Church

Plenty of Room

for you to find a meaningful ministry

Time and Talent

From a heart of gratitude we give our talent

Please complete this form and return it in the collection basket.

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Age, if under 18: _____

Email Address _____

Which of these parish ministries do you have interest in?

*Items with a * are open to all youth.*

- ☐ Bell Tower Ringer *
- ☐ Acolyte *
- ☐ Altar Guild
- ☐ Altar Server
- ☐ ASP Trip & Planning *
- ☐ Bible Study Groups
- ☐ Blanket and Bear making * for Danbury Hospital
- ☐ Bread Making *
- ☐ Buildings & Grounds
- ☐ Card Writing
- ☐ Children's Choir *
- ☐ Choir *
- ☐ Choristers *
- ☐ Community Outreach
- ☐ Evening Prayer Group *
- ☐ Finance
- ☐ Flower Arranging
- ☐ Flower Delivering *
- ☐ Food Pantry
- ☐ Funeral Hospitality
- ☐ Intercessors
- ☐ Justice Coordinating
- ☐ Laundry Love
- ☐ Lectors *
- ☐ Men's Breakfast
- ☐ Parish Life Hospitality
- ☐ Pastoral Care
- ☐ Prayers at the Prayer Wall
- ☐ Religious Education (adults)
- ☐ Stephen Ministry Caregiver
- ☐ Sunday School *
- ☐ Stewardship
- ☐ Ushers
- ☐ Vestry
- ☐ Welcoming
- ☐ Youth Group *

There's plenty of room for you to make a difference!