

SERVING GOD IN ABUNDANCE



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What is a Statement of Intended Giving?

- A faith commitment of financial support to St James' for a particular time period.
- NOT legally binding, and may be changed if circumstances change.

2. Is St. James' dependent on Statements of Intended Giving?

- YES ... the majority of St. James' income comes from statements of intended giving.
- YES ... contributions directly support the vision, ministry and mission of St. James'.
- YES ... Statements of Intended Giving permit St. James' to plan its finances faithfully and responsibly.

3. Why should I return a Statement of Intended Giving?

- As a grateful response to a generous and giving God.
- As a spiritual discipline that keeps us mindful of God's claim on our lives.
- To maintain our house of worship where we love and serve God.

4. When and how can I pay the amounts I plan to contribute?

- Weekly, monthly, annually or at any time you prefer.
- By cash or check in your church envelopes, or (preferably) electronically through your bank the same way you may be paying bills.
- With appreciated securities (often a tax advantage). For guidance, call the church office at (301) 762-8040 or email treasurer@stjamespotomac.org.
- Prepay some or all of your 2012 contribution in 2011 (usually for increased tax advantage); these funds will be used only in 2012.

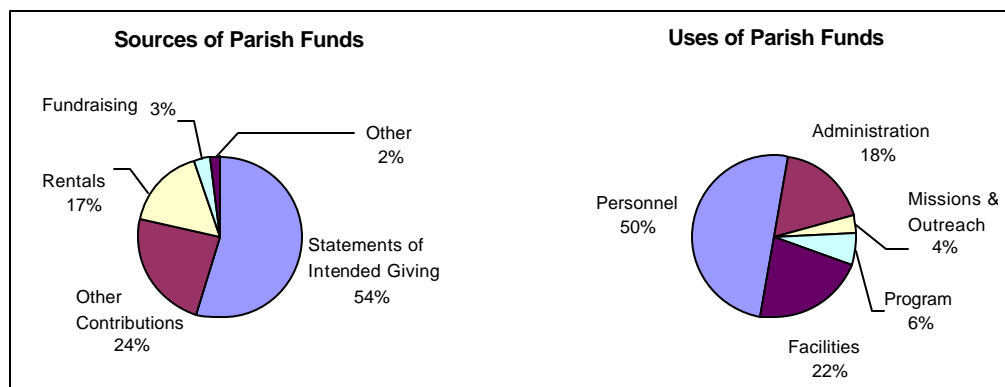
5. What if I can't fulfill the Statement of Intended Giving that I provided?

- Situations can change drastically and quickly. Statements of Intended Giving are not legally binding and can be changed.
- Simply notify the treasurer at (301) 762-8040 or email treasurer@stjamespotomac.org as needed.

6. What if my finances change for the better?

- Give thanks for this unexpected blessing.
- Consider an additional "first fruits" gift to further the vision, mission and ministry of St. James'.

7. What are the sources and uses of parish funds?



Please see the reverse side for worksheet and guide to proportional giving

A GUIDE TO PROPORTIONAL GIVING

Each of us has unique circumstances in our lives. Financial blessings vary widely, which makes proportional giving the right way to think about pledging. Proportional giving means giving in relation to income. Those who receive more can give back more. The Bible story about the widow's mite is a perfect example.

Some of us are well along in our giving journey. Many are tithing or approaching that goal. Others are on the road. Find your place on that journey and set your own goals. If you are just beginning, and want to give with a goal of tithing (pledging 10% of your income), consider starting with a contribution of at least 2% of your income—more if you can. If you are already working toward tithing, we hope you will increase your contribution by at least an additional 2% of your income each year. The proportional giving chart below, together with the enclosed 2011 quarterly statement of giving, may be helpful as you prayerfully reflect on your 2012 statement of intended giving.

A WORKSHEET AS YOU PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER YOUR GIVING TO ST. JAMES' FOR 2012

REVIEW YOUR GIVING IN 2011	PLAN YOUR GIVING FOR 2012
2011 INCOME (EST.) = \$ _____	2012 INCOME (EST.) = \$ _____
2011 CONTRIBUTIONS = \$ _____	2012 CONTRIBUTIONS = \$ _____
CONTRIBUTIONS IN 2011 ARE _____% OF INCOME	CONTRIBUTIONS IN 2012 WOULD BE _____% OF INCOME
A TITHE (10%) OF ESTIMATED 2012 INCOME WOULD BE A CONTRIBUTION OF \$ _____	

YOUR GIVING CALCULATED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS AS A PROPORTION OF YOUR ANNUAL INCOME

(approximate weekly amount shown in parentheses)

Annual gross income	2%	4%	6%	8%	10%	12%
\$10,000	\$200 (\$4)	\$400 (\$8)	\$600 (\$12)	\$800 (\$16)	\$1,000 (\$20)	\$1,200 (\$23)
\$25,000	\$500 (\$10)	\$1,000 (\$20)	\$1,500 (\$30)	\$2,000 (\$40)	\$2,500 (\$50)	\$3,000 (\$60)
\$50,000	\$1,000 (\$20)	\$2,000 (\$40)	\$3,000 (\$60)	\$4,000 (\$80)	\$5,000 (\$100)	\$6,000 (\$115)
\$75,000	\$1,500 (\$30)	\$3,000 (\$60)	\$4,500 (\$90)	\$6,000 (\$115)	\$7,500 (\$145)	\$9,000 (\$175)
\$100,000	\$2,000 (\$40)	\$4,000 (\$80)	\$6,000 (\$115)	\$8,000 (\$155)	\$10,000 (\$195)	\$12,000 (\$255)
\$125,000	\$2,500 (\$50)	\$5,000 (\$100)	\$7,500 (\$145)	\$10,000 (\$195)	\$12,500 (\$240)	\$15,000 (\$290)
\$150,000	\$3,000 (\$60)	\$6,000 (\$115)	\$9,000 (\$175)	\$12,000 (\$235)	\$15,000 (\$290)	\$18,000 (\$350)
\$175,000	\$3,500 (\$70)	\$7,000 (\$135)	\$10,500 (\$205)	\$14,000 (\$270)	\$17,500 (\$340)	\$21,000 (\$405)
\$200,000	\$4,000 (\$80)	\$8,000 (\$155)	\$12,000 (\$230)	\$16,000 (\$310)	\$20,000 (\$385)	\$24,000 (\$465)

Note: For other gross income amounts, combine figures or multiply exact income by each percent.

***Together, even a small increase by each member can make a big difference.
Just think what large increases can do!***

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