

Why should I pledge? I give money whenever I can.

Pledging helps us to plan the budgets for the upcoming year. With the opportunity to anticipate how much we will have during the year, we know how much money will be available for operational expenses such as mortgage, staff, supplies, etc. Automatic Giving helps to keep the income balanced over the months so, in certain months like during the summer when more people are away on vacation, Seaside is still supported to cover its expenses.

Pledging to the ministry of Seaside can be an important part of your life. Pledging keeps us actively involved in a regular way. And it helps us recognize a regular portion of what God has blessed us with is given back to circulate and expand God's Good.

Why can't I just give to special activities?

We understand that it can be very meaningful to give to individual causes, such as Family Ministry, Food Bank, etc. Supporting these special projects makes us all feel good. When you give to the general fund of Seaside you support both Seaside's daily operations and these special ministries. Seaside gives back 10% to special ministries, events and community organizations.



MY PRAYER

I know that God is the source of all supply and that money is God in action. I know that my Good is here now.

I am so rich and so full that I have an abundance of money to spare and share today and always. I know that true prosperity includes perfect health, perfect wealth, and perfect happiness. These words, which I speak in faith, now activate universal law, and I accept the results. I bless all that I have now, and I bless the increase. And I know that I now prosper in every way. I give thanks for this Good, and so it is!

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about Pledging

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What is a pledge?

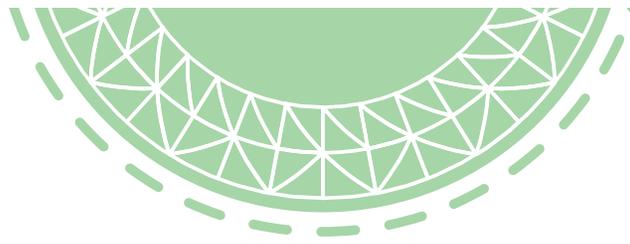
A pledge is an estimate of your tax deductible giving for the coming year. It is not a contract; it is a statement of your intention. Periodically throughout the year, generally every three months, you will receive a statement from Seaside reminding you of the amount of your pledge and showing your progress toward its completion.

What happens if my circumstances change?

Just change your pledge. If it becomes evident during the year that your pledge was too optimistic, just let us know. Or if you win the lottery.....

Other people have supported Seaside until now. Why should I get involved?

Seaside has always been the type of spiritual community that depends on the support of many people. There are not just a few wealthy individuals or families who keep things going. The work of Seaside needs all of us. If you have benefited from being a part of things at Seaside but have not yet made a financial commitment, now might be the right time.



I've never made a pledge before. How much am I supposed to pledge?

This is a very individual matter, but there are some good guidelines to follow. It helps to begin with an amount that's enough to be meaningful, but not so much that you are setting yourselves up for failure. It is important at first to give a regular amount, paid either weekly or monthly, that you can feel good about.

Many people find proportional giving to be a meaningful part of their spiritual lives, returning to God a proportion of all God has entrusted to us. Proportional giving is the offering of a chosen percentage of our income. The biblical guideline for proportional giving is a tithe, or 10%.

Most people begin more modestly, with 1% or 2% of their income, and strive to grow toward the level of a 10% tithe, which is the percentage that Seaside tithes to various organizations. The important thing is to consider the proportion of your giving, and then to allow it to grow each year until you approach your greater giving goals.

You talk about money a lot!

It can seem like we talk about money a lot, partly because we have so many special programs at Seaside. We try to provide a variety of different avenues through which we can grow spiritually. It is true there is almost always something "going on," but we invite you to pick and choose from among the special activities most meaningful to you.

What do I do to pledge?

Just complete a Card of Intent and drop it in the mail to Seaside, or bring it to service and place it in the offering basket, or bring it to the office anytime during the week. If you ever have any questions about pledging, give the office a call at (760) 753-5786 and we'll be glad to help you.

What is Automatic Giving?

For your convenience, Seaside has two methods of automatic giving: you authorize debiting from either your bank account OR your credit or debit card. You choose when, either monthly on the 1st, 10th, 20th or weekly. Seaside benefits most by having your bank account debited because our bank charges no processing fees, while credit card companies do.

