

Frequently Asked Questions Around Giving

How are you offering your energy, skills and financial resources back to God and in service to one another?

We know that the more we invest in anything, the more we receive. Being part of a faith community means not only attending worship, but also giving of ourselves in service. Elsewhere on the website, there are many opportunities to be involved by sharing your gifts for ministry, and here are some thoughts on sharing financial resources.

What will my contribution be used for?

Contributions to St. Simon's support our mission and ministry. Through them we are able to provide meaningful outreach programs and services, transforming lives by feeding the hungry, supporting our neighbors and developing ways each of us can deepen in faith.

Contributions also support staff and facilities which provide the development of hyflex worship and meetings, as well as pastoral and spiritual care, adult and child education opportunities and overall administrative duties.

How will the potential sale of the parking lots impact our budget?

This is an ongoing process requiring vestry, congregational and diocesan approvals. The Giving Team is not assuming the outcome of this process and therefore is not anticipating any impact to the 2023 budget.

What is a giving estimate? Why share an estimate instead of just giving?

A giving estimate is a non-binding expression of the amount you plan to give in a given year. Anticipating the amount of funding available helps our leadership create a realistic annual budget. The gifts received support the staff and programs that sustain the congregation and ensure its vibrancy and growth.

What happens if I cannot fulfill my intention in a year?

We all experience and understand changes in circumstances. If you find yourself unable to fulfill your commitment, you are welcome to make adjustments to your estimate.

How long is the giving period?

The giving period is a year long. During our Giving Season in January, we request an estimate of your giving for that calendar year.

How much should I give?

We welcome any amount but encourage you to submit an estimated amount that is personally meaningful. The Bible suggests 10% of one's income, in recognition that all we have is God's. Commitments range from \$50 to \$25,000 annually.

Do I give weekly?

Some parishioners do. Others give monthly, quarterly, or yearly. It's completely at your discretion.

Are giving envelopes available?

Yes, giving envelopes are available in the Narthex.

Do you offer electronic giving?

Yes, we use **Automated Clearing House** (ACH). You can make one-time payments through this system or set up an automatic deduction for a specific amount and time from your checking or savings account.

You can also use credit cards (Discover, Master Card or Visa).

You can set up an automatic payment through your own bank.

To make your offering by text, just text the word **saintsimons** to **73256**.

What other forms of giving are available?

We accept IRA rollover gifts and stock transfers for those who wish to do so. Please contact our **assistant treasurer** for additional information. Some families also choose to give through donor-advised funds with institutions such as Fidelity and Charles Schwab, where they transfer stocks or mutual funds to the institution and from there donate to St. Simon's.