

How Much Should I Pledge?

A guide to help you think through your fair pledge



Silver is precious! It shimmers delicately and lends beauty to all it encounters.

It tells us that sometimes a fully committed member simply cannot make any pledge at all. They might be in hospice care, incarcerated, experiencing homelessness, or on permanent disability. We mean it when we say that those in every life circumstance are welcome here at the Fellowship. If you come from a silver household, please turn in your pledge form and check the box to request a waiver. You are also invited to speak with a minister about supporting you with a meal, assistance from our discretionary fund, suggestions of community resources, and/or pastoral counseling. **A silver pledge (waiver) means you absolutely cannot contribute financially. 18 individuals or households received a pledge waiver and other support this year.**



Blue comes in many shades; it is beautiful and thoughtful.

A blue pledge comes from a household without a lot of money to give. Blue may come from a single parent household, or someone who is underemployed, living on Social Security, raising a large family or caring for others in their home. We gratefully recognize the “stretch” that comes with a blue pledge to support the Fellowship. **A blue pledge is between \$60-600 per year. 102 pledges were at the blue level this past year (33%). Our goal is 25% blue pledges.**



Purple is majestic; it is a valuable part of this community.

A purple pledge comes from a household that is comfortable but lives modestly. Purple may come from a family living on a fixed income, or that may have an income that is up one year and down the next. A purple pledge is a gift of intention to the Fellowship. **A purple pledge is between \$601-1,500 per year. 64 pledges were at the purple level this past year (21%). Our goal is 25% purple pledges.**



Green is a healthy, vibrant color. Green means life.

Green means that you, or others in your household, have a reasonably good income. A green pledge comes from a household that can easily pay bills on time (unless they go in the recycling bin by accident!) and has cushion for family vacations or other discretionary spending. You might be green instead of red if you have kids in college or other circumstances affecting your discretionary income. **A green pledge is between \$1,501-4,500 per year. 97 pledges were at the green level this past year (31%). Our goal is 33% green pledges.**



Red is bold; we are warmed by red's gifts.

You might give a red pledge if your household is financially comfortable. You have a well-paying job, a good pension or other assets. A red pledge comes from a household with a good amount of discretionary income; maybe you have recently traveled abroad, or you can if you choose. **A red pledge is between \$4,501-9,000 per year. 34 pledges were at the red level this past year (11%). Our goal is 12% red pledges.**



Gold shines brightly! Historically, the color has been associated with prosperity, and courage.

A person or family who makes a gold pledge is facing a future of secure finances, has earned well via a salary, inheritance, or assets. Typically, a gold pledge comes from a person or family for whom travel is often possible, or who might own more than one home. **A gold pledge is more than \$9,000 per year. 13 pledges were at the gold level this past year (4%). Our goal is 5% gold pledges.**