

Pledging to St. James's for 2017

Strengthening our worship – Growing closer to Christ – Re-investing in our community

Our Pledge In-Gathering will be on Sunday, November 20

How will we be the Body of Christ in 2017? During this pledge campaign, we invite you to think about your own call to be a member of St. James's. What is it about this community that draws your heart, and makes you come alive? What moves you — or what *would* move you — to invest in St. James's?

Every pledge is important. Whether you give is more important than how much you give. A pledge—no matter the size—reflects a commitment to see yourself as an investor in this community, to give back what you receive. Our community is stronger for every pledge made to it. Think of how it would feel for us to say as a community that 80, 90, or even 100% of us pledged!

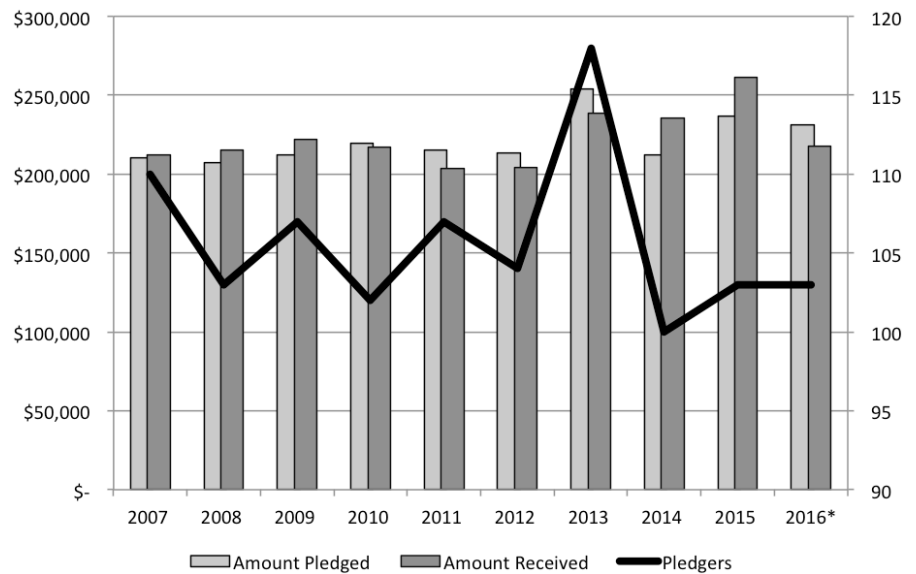
If you're new to pledging, start simply with a small pledge that feels manageable for you. Your pledge can always grow in the future as you become more deeply rooted in the St. James's community!

Especially if you've pledged before, **consider your pledge in terms of a percentage of your income.** This permits you to track your growth in commitment to the Currency of Money over time, whatever the vagaries of income.

For reference, here is a ten-year history of pledging at St James's:

Year	Amount Pledged	Amount Received	Pledgers
2007	\$210,067	\$212,413	110
2008	\$207,229	\$215,052	103
2009	\$212,077	\$222,175	107
2010	\$219,446	\$216,832	102
2011	\$214,960	\$203,606	107
2012	\$213,129	\$204,449	104
2013	\$253,809	\$238,445	118
2014	\$212,157	\$235,316	100
2015	\$237,000	\$261,353	103
2016	\$231,000	\$217,539*	103

2016 Amount Received is current trend through Sept.



We hope that you will pledge some of your time, talent and treasure to St. James's mission in 2017. We have enclosed a Pledge Form as a concrete way of expressing your commitment to St. James's. **Your pledge response is vital as we plan the year ahead. We will have a Pledge In-gathering on November 20, but don't wait! Pledge now!**

Please mail your pledge form to us, attention Pledge Recorder at 1991 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA 02140, or email it to pledgerecorder@stjames-cambridge.org.

Thank you!

Jean Clark, Amanda Dausman and Lucas Sanders,
2017 Currency of Money Committee