

Stewardship Minute Testimonial

2022 Every Member Pledge Campaign
Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill



My Testimonial

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This stewardship Minute has three themes:

My relationship with God

My relationship with Immanuel

And why we pledge

-- Life can be complicated. I often ask God for guidance.

Life has hard days. My favorite prayer is simple “Lord, Help me to remember that nothing is going to happen today, that together we can’t handle.” And I thank God for the joy and beauty of this world. I marvel at sunsets; God has the best crayon box.

-- We chose Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill for the sermons. The weekly lessons are informative, often citing resources outside the Bible to deepen the thinking. Plus, I see the good that our church does in our Outreach programs. And Immanuel’s fellowship folds you into a loving community.

-- When we first found Immanuel in 1999, we were “sometimes” church goers. We didn’t officially “join”; we didn’t go to coffee hours; we didn’t pledge. We came to worship, dropped cash in the collection plate, and went about our week. We eventually joined more activities and volunteered for things.

-- We didn't pledge because "I am not a member, that is for members."

I didn't pledge because "what if we can't make payments... will I get phone calls?"

I didn't pledge because we were already giving back – with time, talent, and treasure.

-- But then one of these talks put pledging in a practical way and it made sense to me: It is right to give back to God for all that God has already done for us. It is right to help support the church. But a church cannot budget their expenses without knowing its income. Our pledges allow the clergy and vestry to know the funds available to pay bills and make bigger purchases or repairs.

-- So, it doesn't matter where you are in your relationship with Immanuel because God is with you Everywhere you go. Please pledge.