



Frequently Asked Questions

Q. If I make a pledge to the annual campaign, will I also be asked to make a pledge to the capital campaign?

As we did in 2008 and 2011, we are conducting the annual stewardship campaign and the Gathering Space campaign concurrently. We encourage all members to make pledges to both of the campaigns so we are able to fulfill all of the church's obligations. We are hopeful to have 100 percent participation in both campaigns.

Q. What is our goal for the annual stewardship campaign?

The goal for this year's stewardship campaign is for individuals and families who have never pledged to do so. For those who currently are, we hope for them to increase their pledges by 1% of their income.

Q. Are there concerns that the capital campaign will hurt the annual stewardship campaign?

The first priority in giving should always be the annual stewardship drive. We do not want the Gathering Space loan reduction/retirement campaign to negatively affect our day-to-day ministry. In 2008, when the first capital campaign was conducted, and again in 2011, when we conducted a second campaign to continue paying for the Gathering Space, pledges to the annual stewardship drive were as generous as in prior years and we are hopeful that will be the case again this year.

Q. If I am on a fixed income or have limited financial resources, am I expected to give to both the annual campaign and the loan reduction/retirement campaign?

This is an individual decision for each and every one of us. No one knows your financial situation better than you, and no two families are able to give the same amount. Both the stewardship and loan reduction/retirement fund brochures provide some guidelines for you to consider when making your pledges. You may want to consider making a gift of stock or other asset to fulfill your pledges.

Q. How is money given to the annual stewardship campaign used?

Our annual stewardship pledges are used to support all that we do around Faith Des Peres Presbyterian Church, from support of our ongoing mission and ministry programs and Christian Education, to our clergy and staff and the general maintenance of our facilities.

Q. Why do we need to reduce our spending down of our Endowment Fund?

It is imperative that the church works to achieve sustainability without reliance on the Endowment Fund. The less money that is in the fund, fewer earnings accrue for future generations. The fund decreased from 325,000 in 2009 to 240,000 in 2014. We have decreased spending from our Endowment Fund by 36% since 2008. Our goal is to reduce our draw on the Endowment by \$12,000 each year to achieve no draw by the year 2018.

Q. Are my donations tax deductible?

Yes they are. Faith Des Peres Presbyterian Church is a 501(c)(3) corporation as designated by the Internal Revenue Service. You will receive a year end statement that documents your donations so that you may declare them a charitable donation on your income tax return.

Q. I've never pledged to a church before. How do I get started?

Think and pray about your personal situation (including your family if you have one). Refer to the "Grow One Step" table in the stewardship brochure. Consider how you will make your pledge payments. It might be a good idea to make your pledge payment right after you get paid. Make it a priority instead of an option after your money is spent. In this way we hope that you will establish your pledge and then do the most important thing, which is to fulfill it.

Q. How can I make my donations?

Many people chose to write a check. Others set up a "bill payment" on their bank's online banking program. If you would like to set up electronic funds transfer directly from your checking account or credit card, information about our arrangement with the Presbyterian Foundation/Presbyterian Mission Exchange is available on our website.