TOGETHER IN SPIRIT

CONGREGATION
STEWARDSHIP 2021
As members of the Cathedral Congregation, we are accustomed to showing up for one another. Whether assembling Easter baskets, painting a parade float, or traveling in mission with our Cathedral Scholars, we are excited to work together to bring about God’s Kingdom.

We now find ourselves in a strange time, when the best way to keep one another safe is to keep our distance. And yet physical distance does not mean spiritual distance. We are still coming together, both to support our Cathedral family and to welcome new friends from across the country and around the world. Through these connections, we continue to support one another and share our love for our glorious Cathedral and the leadership that enables our work to continue.

While we cannot be physically together right now, we can continue to stay present and supportive even while our beautiful Cathedral quietly awaits our return. We can remain active, bringing all the warmth, beauty and God’s presence from within the Cathedral out to anyone and everyone who seeks it. And we can make a financial pledge.

Colossians 2:5

From your
STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS
In previous years, you would see the volunteer members of your Stewardship Committee during and after services, ready to answer questions and support your pledging process. We cannot host a table at coffee hour this Fall, but please know we are still here to support you. While separated, we remain dependent upon one another to do our part for the good of our church family.

We invite you to reflect on the role your faith and our Cathedral community have played in supporting you during this turbulent time and to join us in making a 2021 financial pledge. It is our turn, our time, and our opportunity to invest in our shared congregational life and ministries to sustain the work in the nation and the world.

We look forward to coming together — albeit virtually — on Sunday, October 25, to celebrate our combined investment in our collective church family.

In Faith,
Ron Szabat & Lora Bingaman,
Stewardship Committee Co-Chairs
The Congregation remains the heartbeat of our Cathedral and your pledge is the lifeblood of our ministries. The ongoing pandemic has impacted the Cathedral’s budget, resulting in pay cuts and reductions in staff. Before taking these measures, we had a projected $6 million budget gap in FY21. In order to close the remaining gap, we still need to increase our fundraising in order to continue to fulfill our mission as a House of Prayer for All People.

*In these uncertain times, your support is needed.*

While the building is not open, our ministries are, and our clergy, worship and music leaders continue to provide services and solace to our own Cathedral family and to more than 1 million new friends from around the world. Your pledge will be directed to where it is most needed to best serve our congregation, our neighbors and this grand and glorious space.

**PLEDGES: THE LIFEBLOOD OF OUR MINISTRIES**

**CONGREGATIONAL GIVING**

*At the intersection of our ministries*

- ministry, music, education & outreach: 32.4% $5.4 million
- buildings & grounds: 31.3% $5.3 million
- administrative support: 18.4% $3.1 million
- fundraising: 17.9% $3 million

**Total institution budget**: $16.8 million
**Congregation contribution**: $2 million
**Who should make a financial pledge?**

Everyone. If you are participating in Cathedral worship services, coffee hours, relevant discussions with national leaders, Bible studies, or fellowship groups you should make an annual financial gift. Pledging is an important spiritual exercise which allows you to reflect on the blessings God has bestowed upon you and to express your gratitude for those gifts by giving back to the Church.

**I already give, why should I pledge?**

Pledges allow us to plan for the year ahead. Your pledge is a vital tool to develop the operating budget and plan for outreach, education and other important spiritual and formation programs.

**How much should I pledge?**

Your pledge should be an amount that is meaningful to you and an amount you can give with gratitude. If you currently do not pledge but contribute regularly, consider pledging a percentage of that amount. If you pledged last year, consider increasing by 5%.

**How has the pandemic affected the Cathedral?**

Since suspending in-person activities in March 2020, the Cathedral has been unable to raise funds from programmatic and corporate events, concerts or visitor/tourist programs. This left us with a projected $6 million budget gap in FY21, and resulted in a reduction of staff size and pay cuts of up to 20%.
Virtual Coffee Hours hosted weekly for local congregation and new national and international worshippers.

Inquirer’s Class continued virtually for those wishing to be baptized, confirmed or received.

Via Media Fellowship launched for 40s & 50s.

Pastoral calls reached 500+ congregation members thanks to more than 50 congregation volunteers.

Average Sunday viewership: 42,818

Average weekday viewership: 1,400

More than 1.2 million worship participants reached.

Regular 20s & 30s virtual fellowship and programming.

Clergy-led Bible Study launched.

Daily Morning Prayer led by Cathedral clergy.

Virtual events and retreats via The Center for Prayer and Pilgrimage.
I made a pledge last year, should I pledge again?
Yes! Your pledge from last year will not automatically renew. Please take time to consider what you would like to commit to the Cathedral Congregation this year.

Can I set up an automatic payment by credit card?
Yes, you can include your credit card information on the pledge slip or enter it online at cathedral.org/together.

Can I pay by check?
Checks are welcome and may be mailed to P.O. Box 98283 Washington, DC 20090-8283.

Is my pledge tax deductible?
Yes. Donations to the Cathedral are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. You will receive a statement detailing your donations each year.
Show your Cathedral spirit; return your pledge by October 20

You have two options for submitting your pledge:

1. Mail your pledge slip to
   P.O. Box 98283
   Washington, DC 20090-8283

2. Visit cathedral.org/together

Pledges submitted by October 20 will be recognized during our Celebration Sunday Service.

Hooray I pledged!

Take a look at the enclosed magnet and find the special Vicar Dana hiding behind! Share a photo of your “hooray!” when you pledge.

Pictures can also be submitted to congregation@cathedral.org
Supported Martha's Table, Friendship Place, Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington, and The TraRon Center

Raised funds for families ineligible for unemployment benefits and COVID-19 relief

Continued advocacy work, volunteering legal services and financial assistance to families throughout the Diocese

Premiered oral histories of our African American congregation members

Offered discussions on policing, racism and COVID-19, and book studies relevant to the pandemic of systemic racism

4+ tons of food and supplies for young families donated

9 blood drives, donating enough to aid 600 people
Celebrating before

CONGREGATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS BEFORE COVID

113 new congregation members

Holy Chaos Christmas Pageant welcomed thousands of children

BorderLinks pilgrimage trip to the Arizona/Mexico border

Wednesday night suppers with author discussions

375 Christmas presents for local kids

LGBTQIA Mardi Gras party

1,650 Thanksgiving meals
Does my pledge count towards a National Cathedral Association membership?

Yes! All supporters who give $60 or more in a year automatically join the NCA. For more on membership benefits, visit cathedral.org/national-cathedral-association/join

When am I expected to pay my pledge in total?

You can pay all or a portion of your pledge at any time. Pledges made during this Campaign should be completed by December 31, 2021.

Does the Cathedral allow for planned gifts?

Yes. You can include the Cathedral in your will, or as a beneficiary of your IRA or retirement funds. Visit cathedral.giftplans.org to learn more about extending your support of the Cathedral’s ministry to those who follow us.

What if I become unable to complete the amount I pledge?

We understand that circumstances change. Please let the development office know if you need to make changes to your pledge during the calendar year.
This Campaign is dedicated in loving memory to our own Stewardship Committee Member Robert Daffer. Bob was an active and generous member of our congregation family, dedicating time and leadership to support the Cathedral and its ministries.

*In Loving Memory*

**ROBERT DAFFER**

Send in your pledge slip or pledge online by **October 20** and join on **October 25** for a virtual Celebration Sunday!

Visit [cathedral.org/together](http://cathedral.org/together) to learn more.