



Members and Friends of Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') –

This month of October is our month for looking at the “pledge” side of stewardship, our commitment to sharing our treasure in gratitude for all we’ve been given and all we want Gloria Dei to be and to become.

Our theme this year is “Stand Up!” Stand up – for our love for this place, this place where the Kingdom makes its presence felt in South Philadelphia. Stand up – for our love and care for our brothers and sisters in this parish. Stand up – for our commitment to the community where we worship.

Last year, we set a goal of \$50,000 for pledging. We made 93% of that, but we didn’t make our goal of \$50,000. This year, we’re setting the goal at \$51,000. Why the strange number you ask? Because that number represents one-half, just one-half, of the cost of supporting our rector. You know we’re in the process of calling a new rector. It would be fitting – and a new thing – if our pledges were to cover one-half of that cost.

We’ll be talking to you in Church this month.

- Sunday October 15 – You’ll hear about an idea we’ve borrowed from Philabundance, a “Not At All A Ball.” You’ll hear more in church.
- Sunday, October 22 – We’ll remember the loss of the SS Poet this Sunday with the families and friends of that crew but we’ll also remind you of how your treasure supports this parish.
- Sunday, October 29 – A long-time member of this parish will talk to you for a few minutes about why they support this parish with their pledge, and a relatively new member family of this parish will share their thoughts on the same topic.
- Sunday, November 5 – The Feast of All Saints. We’ll celebrate the ingathering of all your pledges, your promises of support for this parish and its work.

Once again – October will not be end of your hearing about stewardship. We’ll continue for the whole year with more activities to help our awareness of the “three pledges,” as Father Paul put it: the pledge of worship, the pledge of service, and the pledge of financial support.

Enclosed with this letter is a pledge card. We’ve made it as simple as we can. We ask you to look at it, read it, pray on it, and return it on Sunday November 5th when we celebrate the Feast of All Saints

With our heartfelt thanks to all of you,

Jerry Buescher, Barbara Potts, Mark Roberts and Richard Woehr
Members of the Stewardship Committee

Gloria Dei Church

\$51,000

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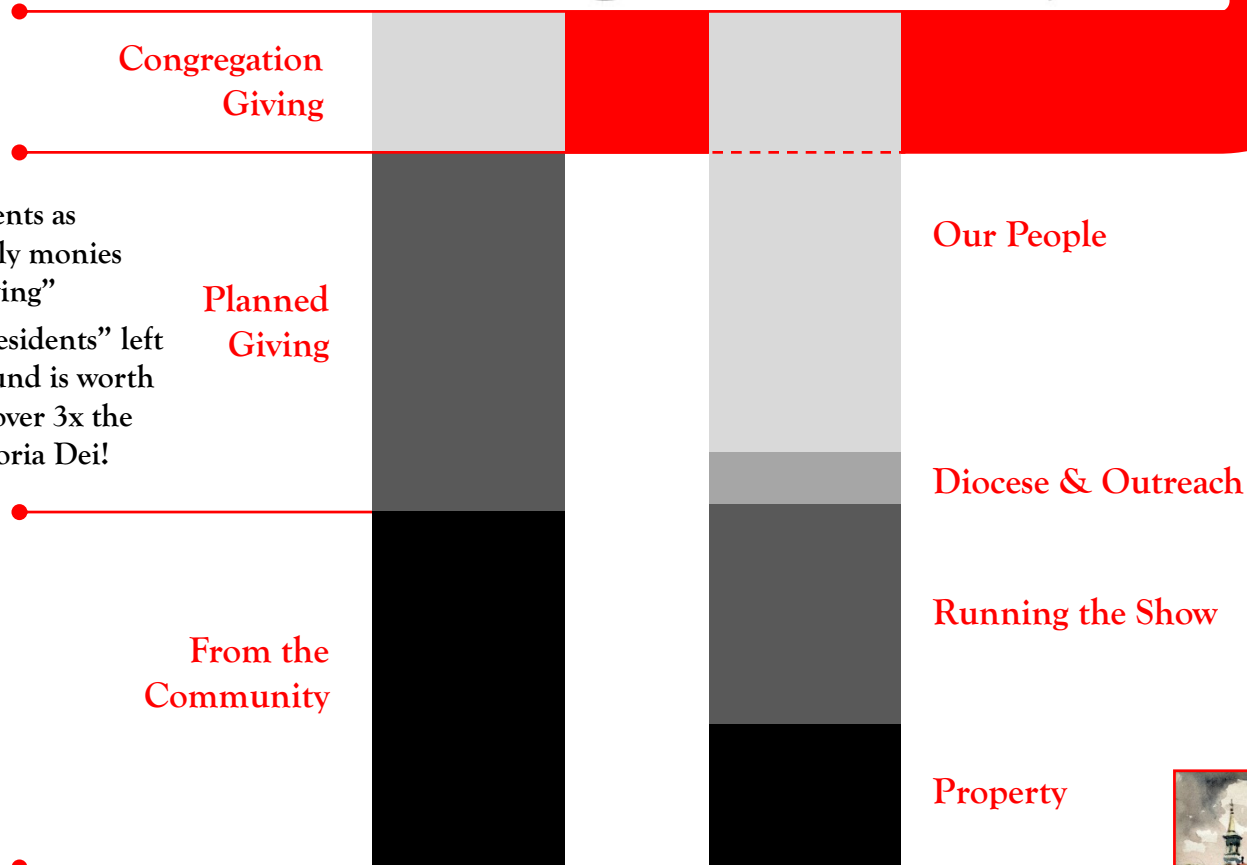
We provide LESS THAN
1/2 THE COSTS OF OUR Rector
AND NONE OF THE Support STAFF

STAND UP

We tend to think of our endowments as monies from investments, it's really monies from those who did "Planned Giving"

i.e. One of our "permanent residents" left \$500 in 1965, today the fund is worth \$35,859.45 and provides over 3x the initial gift each year to Gloria Dei!

Swedes, YCCA,
Swedish Colonial Society, Lucia,
Fleas, Jazz n Joe, Marriages,
Sideshows & more . . .



IN OUT



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Columbus Boulevard & Christian Street
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Gloria Dei Church

Every Sunday, every week, every month, every year – the doors of this church are open for worship.

Like food for our bodies, worship is how we nourish our faith so our faith is strong when we need it.

The message of this church is timeless. The message is about faith, hope, and love – the most sustaining words in any language on earth.

We can't avoid the hardships of life. But our faith, hope, and love make us understand that Jesus, the Christ, walks with us and keeps us.

**The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep
darkness – on them light has shined.**

(Isaiah 9:2)

*Inscribed under one of the angels
at the back of the church*



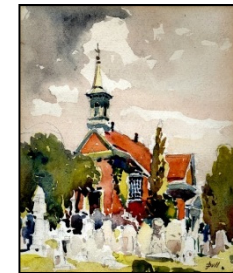
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To seek and serve Jesus
Christ in all persons

PLEDGE Card
2018

STAND UP



**Gloria Dei (Old Swedes')
Episcopal Church**
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Stewardship – it's not a word to hide the statement "Look out! The church wants money!"

No, "stewardship" means acknowledging what has been entrusted to us and acting accordingly. Our scriptures are clear: "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."
(Luke 6:38) We give not because the church needs money but because humans need to give.

God expects us to give back, not because a rule book says "You owe 10%," not because we feel pressured by other church people to do so, and not because we're trying to buy ourselves out of something we feel bad about.

Giving is one of the driving forces for spiritual growth. We pay attention to all God has given us, we are thankful for that. Thankfulness makes us, in turn, want to be generous, want to help what God is trying to get done in the world.

Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

(2 Corinthians 9:7)

Please consider all God has given us and ask what we are called to give back to God through care for each other and for stewardship of God's good creation.

Please think about what you can give back to God. At the moment, we're asking you to think about what you can contribute financially and to fill in the items to the right.

As time goes by, we'll get back to you to ask about what commitments of the parish you can help by giving your time and your talents.

We ask you to bring this form with you to church on Sunday, November 5th, and to put it into the offering plate on that day, the Feast of All Saints, and Commitment Sunday.

If you cannot be here that day, then please mail it to the church office.



Tithing Your Pledge

To tithe is to give 10% of your blessings. Consider the chart below. Find your current giving and consider pledging 10% more in 2018.

Present Weekly / Monthly Giving	Suggested Weekly / Monthly Giving
\$1.00	\$1.10
\$5.00	\$5.50
\$10.00	\$11.00
\$20.00	\$22.00
\$50.00	\$55.00
\$100.00	\$110.00
\$150.00	\$165.00

What can you give towards the Church's financial obligations this year?

_____ weekly / monthly / yearly

Information for the Church Directory.

Name: _____

Spouse: _____

Children: _____

Address: _____

City/Town: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone #: _____

Cell Phone #: _____

eMail Address: _____

Contributions, donations and pledges may be paid online at www.old-swedes.org