

My/Our Commitment for the 2020 May to December Fiscal Year

**Tithing is a spiritual exercise. In giving our lives back to God,
we open our hands – enabling us not only to give, but also to receive.**

For the 2020 May to December fiscal year (necessitated by the change to a *calendar fiscal year*), please consider the biblical tithe which is 10% of household income. How do you calculate that: gross income, taxable or after taxes? You decide what is possible for you. Perhaps 5%, a half tithe, better fits your budget. If 5% is still too high for you today, consider starting at 1% and adding another 1% each year until you attain a full tithe of 10%. What is essential for each of us is that we are on a path towards tithing and that we are honest with God, our faith community and ourselves.

Contribution of Monetary Resources

I/We wish to walk on the path of generosity that leads to abundance at First Congregational Church Burlington during 2020 by contributing, beginning on May 1, 2020 at least:

\$ _____ per week/month (circle one) for a 5/1/20 to 12/31/20 total of: \$ _____

Per Capita fee (annual membership to the UCC) # members ____ x 13.95 = \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Signature(s) _____ Date _____

Print Name (s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

How to Pledge: You can make your pledge by completing this form and returning it to First Church, or, you can make your pledge **online – or set up electronic giving - by:**

- Going to <http://firstchurchburlington.org> and click on “Be a Faithful Steward” listed on the “Get Involved” tab - or click on “Online Giving” at the top right of the webpage – or pledge online using your First Church Realm Account.
- Have yet to access your Realm Account? Please contact our Office Manager Caroline Catlin at: office@firstchurchburlington.org

When to Pledge: As we will use the pledge information to determine a proposed budget for the 2020 fiscal year, we would like to receive all pledge commitments by the end of April, ideally by Dedication Sunday, April 26th.

Contribution of Time and Talents

If you are not able, at this time to fulfill a biblical tithe, or even if you are able to, consider making a contribution of your time and talents. Indicate, with a check mark, any area(s) that you would like to contribute your time and talents to. If more than one person in your household is completing this part of your pledge – please use your first names to indicate areas of interest below. Thank you.

____ Mission and Outreach	____ Worship	____ Fellowship and meals
____ Faith Formation	____ The Possibility Shop	____ Stewardship
____ Connections and Hospitality	____ Administration	____ Buildings and Grounds

Please return this form to First Church on or before Dedication Sunday, April 26th