

### **What does it mean to make a pledge?**

Making a pledge to New Wine is simply informing Redeemer Church about your personal decision to give a certain amount of money to this particular fundraising initiative in a specific amount of time, usually with an indication of the intended schedule of giving (i.e. annually, quarterly, monthly, weekly, etc.).

### **Why are you asking us to make a pledge?**

Making a pledge to Redeemer Church—whether to New Wine or otherwise—is an area where the spiritual needs of individuals like you and the corporate needs of a local church intersect.

First, making a financial commitment like this provides you and your family the opportunity to think about the place of money in your life, and allows you to make intentional decisions about financial stewardship and generosity. When you plan ahead to give, you are then able to make conscious choices about spending your money in ways that reflect your faith and values.

Second, receiving your financial commitment allows Redeemer Church to do for our community what you do for your household: plan wisely for the use of our resources in support of the mission, vision, and ministry to which God has called us. As we develop our annual budget in the coming years, we will be able to have a much better idea of how much income to expect. This will help us to create a realistic budget, and it will underline the connectedness between individual giving and our corporate ministry.

### **Do I have to make a pledge?**

No. Making a financial commitment to New Wine is not a requirement for participation in the life of Redeemer Church. Furthermore, anyone can choose to give directly towards this initiative at any point, even if they did not make a pledge.

### **How do I make a pledge?**

Simply fill out a pledge card on or before Sunday, 2/23. Physical pledge cards will be mailed out to everyone in our database, as well as available on Sunday mornings. You can put your completed pledge card in the offering basket during one of our worship services, drop it in the USPS mailslot outside the front door on Miller St., or mail it to:

Redeemer Church  
1046 Miller St.  
Winston-Salem, NC 27103

### **How do I fulfill my pledge?**

There are many ways to make your donation(s) to this initiative.

The easiest way to give is online (<https://redeemerws.churchcenter.com/giving>). Simply select “New Wine” from the drop down menu after typing in the amount of your gift. Donations via ChurchCenter can be one time or set up to be recurring. Please, consider checking the box to cover the processing fee, so that we receive 100% of your intended donation.

You can also give by check. Please make your check out to “Redeemer Presbyterian Church” and note “New Wine” on the memo line. You can put it in the offering basket during one of our worship services, drop it in the USPS mailslot outside the front door on Miller St., or mail it.

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## **How much should I pledge?**

The Apostle Paul answers this question in his second letter to the Corinthian church: “Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor 9:7). We do not ask that you give out of guilt or give more than would be feasible for you at this time. However, we do ask that you give proportionately, joyfully, systematically, and sacrificially, in order to support the mission, vision, and ministry that the Father has called Redeemer Church to pursue. In other words, do not give more than you want or can! Give prayerfully as the Lord directs out of gratitude for the grace you have received in Jesus.

## **Can I change my pledge if my financial circumstances change?**

Yes! We understand that life happens. Sometimes people wish to give more than they had originally pledged, and other times, they need to reduce or cancel their commitment. If you find yourself in a position where you would like to adjust your pledge, please either fill out a new pledge card or contact Eric Mitchell (emitchell@redeemerws.org).

## **By when do I need to actually give my full pledge amount?**

This stewardship initiative is taking place over the course of two full calendar years. Therefore, we would like for all pledged money to be given by December 31, 2026.

## **Who is in charge of the money?**

All donations to New Wine are recorded in Planning Center Giving and Quickbooks as a designated charitable gift. They will be held in our normal checking account and used in accordance with our regular oversight of staff and officers.

## **What happens if you receive more than \$625,000?**

If additional money comes in over and above our goal, we will apply it directly and exclusively towards the second phase of New Wine.

## **How can I give to New Wine?**

In addition to cash contributions, gifts of appreciated stock, bonds, marketable real estate, and/or other appreciated and appraisable possessions will also be accepted. Additionally, a variety of planned and deferred gifts such as trusts, life insurance, and bequests are also appreciated. If you would like to make a donation via a Qualified Charitable Distribution or discuss how to include Redeemer Church in your estate plans, please contact Roger Henderson (rhenderson@redeemerws.org) or Eric Mitchell (emitchell@redeemerws.org).

## **How can I find out more about this stewardship initiative?**

The easiest way is simply to visit our website (redeemerws.org). You can also contact a member of the Fundraising Committee, an elder, or a deacon. Additionally, every Life Group at Redeemer will have the opportunity for a Fundraising Committee member to attend one of their February meetings.



Finally, we have scheduled a number of gatherings (in person and Zoom) during which we will continue conversations about New Wine and answer any questions, comments, or concerns that arise. You can find the list of those at this QR Code.

# THANK YOU!