



Consecration Sunday Is Coming — Sunday, October 25

When our approach to financial stewardship is rooted in scripture and spirituality, we don't view the money we give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, we see financial contributions as a way to grow spiritually in our relationship with God by supporting our church's mission and ministry with a percentage of our incomes.

This year, the *Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* has been selected as a way to set before us the scriptural and spiritual principles of generous giving as the emphasis for this stewardship season.

Consecration Sunday is based on the scriptural philosophy of the need of the giver to give for our spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of seeing ourselves as a member of a social club who should pay dues, we affirm that we are followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our members to make financial commitments to our church's ministries, formation, and outreach in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. If you feel opposed to completing a card in worship that day, we still hope that you will attend. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if choosing not to fill out a card that morning. All are welcome and encouraged to be a part of the celebration.

We won't do home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, culminating in members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and Vestry members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.
Your Wardens, George Woodzell and Carole Merrill-Mazurek