

The Power of your Pledge

If there is one thing spiritually mature people know, it's that we have to practice our faith, such as by pledging and following through with giving. God responds with blessings (Luke 6:38). Ultimately, our relationship with money and our giving habits say a lot about our walk with God. How we spend our money and our time affirms our ultimate values and allegiances (Matt. 6:19-24).

There is a difference between giving and pledging. To give is good, but to pledge is great. Giving is an act we do just once or from time to time, but pledging is ongoing. This is why pledging is more than giving - It is a spiritual discipline. A committed Christian strives to act with consistent regularity despite the ups and downs of life. This means attending worship services, being involved in church functions/ events, praying/meditating, and giving regularly and consistently. Yes, it is easier said than done, but remember, your best efforts will bring better and better results for you and others.

This pledge is made to MCC Omaha on behalf of:

Your Name(s) _____

Date Pledge Effective: _____

How would you like our office to officially communicate with you regarding your pledge?

☐ Email

☐ Traditional Mail Service

☐ Text _____

What address/number should we use?

For Office Use Only:

Date Received _____ Entered by _____

Date Confirmation Sent _____

Common Questions and Answers

O: Once I've completed my pledge card, how do I turn it in?

A: Please place your pledge card in the offering plate on Sunday, drop it off at the church office, or mail it to:
MCC Omaha, PO Box 3173, Omaha, NE 68103.

O: How do I know that the church office has received my pledge card?

A: You will receive a confirmation based on the communication preference you select.

O: Is my personal information safe and secure?

A: Only those individuals who have undergone background checks handle pledge cards. Your information is stored on a secured computer, and all documents with your personal information are locked in the church safe.

O: What if I want to change my pledge?

A: You can change your pledge, up or down, anytime by just completing another pledge card.

O: Will I be updated on my giving progress?

A: Yes, at least twice a year you will be provided with a detailed record of your giving to date and how your giving reflects your pledge.

O: Is my giving to MCC Omaha tax deductible?

A: Absolutely. Your contributions are fully tax deductible to the amount allowed by law. Please consult your tax advisor for specific tax advice.

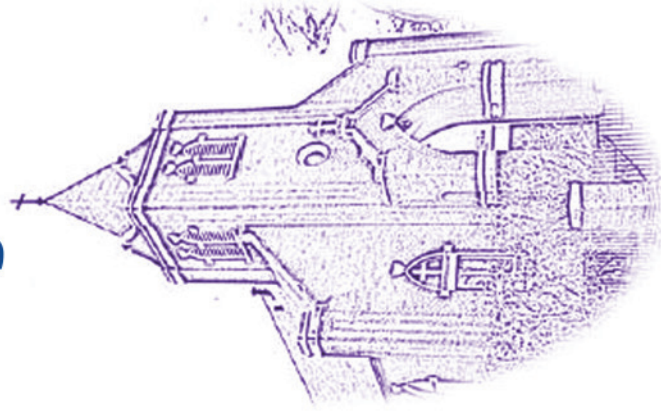
O: What if I buy something for MCC Omaha, does that count?

A: Yes. Please provide a receipt to the church office and we will include that on your giving statement.



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MCC Omaha's Pledge Card



**"To be Omaha's
leading progressive
diverse community
of faith, justice and
spirituality"**

There are many ways you can pledge to MCC Omaha. Please choose a way that best fits your lifestyle. We have divided your options into Good, Better, and Best. Consider each one and choose which works best for you.

Good Pledging

- ☐ I will place my check/cash in an offering envelope in the Sunday offering plate.

While placing cash or check in the offering plate is the traditional way to give, you may want to consider the added time involved in writing a check and look at our "better" or "best" options.

If you do decide to give via the offering plate, please remember to keep current with your pledge if you miss a Sunday.

I will give \$ _____

- ☐ monthly ☐ weekly ☐ other-specify: _____

Better Pledging

- ☐ I will use my debit or credit card.

☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover ☐ Paypal*

Automatic giving through your debit or credit card makes giving easy and regular for you. Please remember to update your information with the church office (by filling out another pledge card or calling the office) when your bank card expires or if you wish to use a different bank card. Please remember that when you give, using this option, that MCC Omaha does not receive 100% of your gift. MCC is charged a fee by the banking system.

I will give \$ _____

- ☐ monthly ☐ weekly ☐ other-specify: _____

Your name as it appears on the card: _____

Billing Address: _____
(if different from your mailing address)

Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Credit Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Security Code (back) _____

Signature: _____

By signing above, I authorize MCC Omaha and my financial institution to withdraw from my account the pledge indicated on this brochure. I understand that I may change or end this agreement at any time without any obligation

***Pay Pal:** If you have a PayPal account, you can go to our website at www.mccomaha.org, click "give", and you can then use your existing PayPal account. Make sure that your gift is recurring.

Best Pledging

- ☐ I will use online Bill Pay

Bill Pay is an online option on your checking account offered for free by most banks. Bill Pay allows you to use your computer to make a payment from your account. If you bank online, this is the best way to pledge to MCC Omaha. The advantage for you is that this method is convenient and automatic, plus 100% of your gift is received by the church. Not a single cent is lost to fees. In addition, you do not need to provide any financial information to the church.

I will give \$ _____

- ☐ monthly ☐ weekly ☐ other-specify: _____

You will need to set up MCC Omaha as a Bill Pay payee. Here is our information:

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha
PO Box 3173
Omaha, NE 68103
402-345-2563

You enter into your computer the amount you wish to give along with the frequency and the day(s) of the month the payments are to be made. The bank then issues repeating checks which are automatically mailed to the church. The church deposits the check just like any other check. The amount of the check is automatically deducted from your bank account. The details of Bill Pay vary from bank to bank.

If you have trouble setting up Bill Pay, a member of our Board of Directors has been selected to assist you. To request this assistance, simply email our MCC Board Chairperson at boardchair@mccomaha.org.

No matter how you give, we want you to know that all financial information collected from members, friends, and attendees of MCC Omaha is held in strict confidence. All pledge cards are stored in a secured and locked location at all times. Old pledge cards are cross shredded. MCC Omaha has a policy that clearly outlines the actions we take to ensure the privacy and security of all information collected. To obtain a copy of this policy, please contact the church office.