

being transformed

2017 Stewardship Campaign
Westminster Presbyterian Church | Durham, NC

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Each week of stewardship season, we'll email you a video of an incredible story of how God is transforming life inside and outside the walls of Westminster.

View videos at www.wpcdurham.org/BeingTransformed.

October 9

Stewardship Kick-Off Sunday
Be sure to pick up your name tag in the Courtyard!

Being Transformed Together
from Erica Hill



October 16

Transforming the World
from Neal Nichols



October 23

Transforming Durham
from Beth & Collin Day



October 30

Stewardship Dedication Sunday
Please bring your pledge card to worship on this day.

Being Transformed by God
from Dick & Jackie Jones





How could Westminster, Durham, and the world be transformed if everyone increased their pledge for 2017?

How would we ourselves be transformed?

“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect.” - Romans 12:2

Scripture calls on us all, as followers of Christ, to offer one-tenth of what we have in service to God. This act of faithful discipleship carries the power and the promise to transform our world and our own lives as we grow in the teachings of faithful living.

Why do we give?

- ▶ All that we have, and all that we are, comes from God. (Psalm 24)
“The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.”
- ▶ We live out our faithfulness, not out of worry, but in trust. (Matthew 6:25-30)
“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body...”
- ▶ Acts of stewardship, of shared living, have long been a part of the Christian church. (Acts 4:32-34)
“Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul... everything they owned was held in common.”

How much should I give?

We get this question every year, so here’s a bit of guidance:
In Deuteronomy 26, Moses reminds the people of God’s faithfulness to them in bringing them out of slavery. In grateful response, as they come into the land, the people are called to offer their first fruits (the first portion of their harvest) to God, one-tenth (a tithe) of their income. These gifts sustained the life of the temple from the earliest days of the Israelite community.
The biblical model for giving is the tithe, 10% of one’s income. This should be our goal.

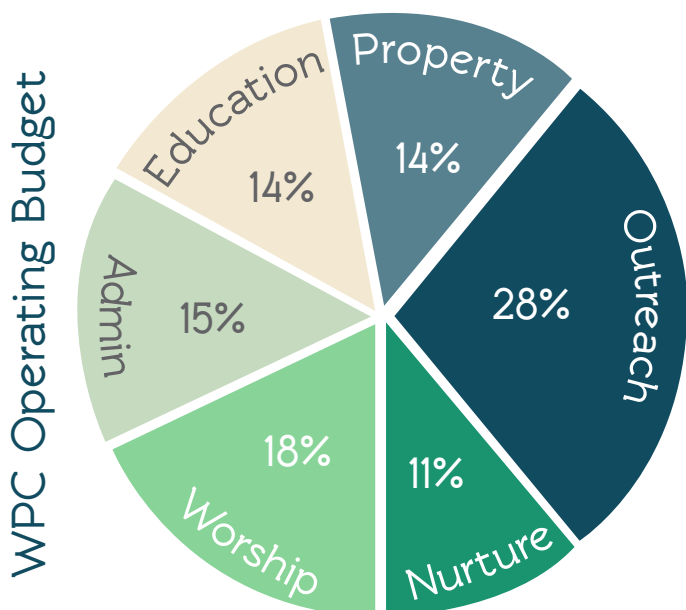
**What percentage of your income, however you calculate it, do you offer in faith?
How are you called to strengthen the kingdom of God through faithful tithes and offerings?**

What would giving 10% look like for you?

We invite you to write that number down, and reflect on your giving as part of your faith journey, a personal act of transformation.

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How You Gave for 2016



Funding for nearly **82%** of the 2016 annual budget was secured by pledges from 274 WPC households, shaping what is possible through our shared ministry together.

274 pledges means that 80% of the congregation pledged during stewardship season as a community, a covenant people.

43% of pledging households either pledged for the first time or increased their existing pledge, as Scripture teaches us all to offer one-tenth of what we have in service to God.