

Subject: Remote giving options

To: Rectors, Sr. Wardens, and Treasurers

Dear friends,

We need the Church now more than ever, and for that to happen we need to help members understand how to continue to provide their financial support. If we fulfill our 2020 pledges to the best of our ability it will make a world of difference. Until we next meet in person as a community we can support our church by continuing to submit your pledge payment remotely.

Remote giving can take place in three ways:

1. Members mail their pledge payment to the church office
2. Schedule automatic payments through your bank's online banking service (recurring payments are the most reliable and helpful way to fulfill your pledge)
3. Provide online giving capability on your website through an established giving platform for either one time or recurring giving.

A recommended online giving platform is Tithely. They offer a discounted to members of The Episcopal Network for Stewardship of which all congregations of the diocese are members. They provide excellent support as a rule. There is no additional fee at all and you can get set up very quickly.

The TENS rate for credit card transactions is 2.75%+30c per transaction. Normally they are 2.9%+30c. <https://get.tithe.ly/partner/tens>

Other options can be found here: <https://outreach.com/blog/best-church-online-giving-platforms/>

Setting up the capacity for online payments is very doable. All the giving platforms have resources to help you implement the programs. Online giving is a safe, easy, efficient way to get your pledge payment into the church's bank account.

I encourage you to communicate directly with the members of your congregation to let them know how you would like them to continue to make their pledge payment, and how important that is.