

Year-End Giving

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Important tax tips

To ensure the deductibility of your church contributions, please do not file your income tax return until you have received a written acknowledgment of your contributions from the church. Some of your contributions may not be tax-deductible; this will be indicated on your year-end statement. To qualify for a tax-deductible stock gift, be sure your stockbroker/advisor has initiated the transfer of shares to Plymouth's account by Dec. 31.

Year-end contributions

The Accounting Department will gladly receive your year-end contributions through Dec. 31. IRS regulations state that gifts must be postmarked or received by Dec. 31 in order to receive current-year tax credit. We are unable to give current-year tax credit for checks that are "pre-dated" but not postmarked by December 31. If you have any questions, contact Joy Hansen at 612/977-1265 or joyh@plymouth.org.

Have you considered the tax benefits of giving appreciated stock to fulfill or increase your annual pledge? The process is simple! Please contact Joy Hansen (612/977-1265 or joyh@plymouth.org) or check our website (www.plymouth.org/give/) and scroll down to "Gifts of Stock." Plymouth's account number with Charles Schwab is #3429-0850, DTC #0164.

To view your pledge or giving:

Log into your account:

- Please go to the Plymouth website (<http://www.plymouth.org>).
- Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on "Member Login" under "Quick Links."
- On the page that opens, enter your email or user name and your password.
- You'll be taken to your overview page.

View your pledge or giving:

- From your overview page, find the "My Giving Summary" section.
- Click the "My Giving History" or "My Pledge History" link.

You can give online, too!

Please see our [giving tips for instructions](#) for online giving. You can give a one-time gift or set up a profile and designate a recurrent gift. It's that simple. If you have any questions, please contact Joy Hansen.

You may give via text:

Just text to make pledge payments or to give to Plymouth's operating fund. Text 612/999-2874. The first time only, you will see a form requesting contact and credit card information. You may give one time or set up a recurring payment.

IRA Charitable Rollovers

If you are age 72 or older and are required to take an annual Required Minimum Distribution from your standard IRA, which is normally taxable, you may contribute part or all of that directly to Plymouth Congregational Church as a Qualified Charitable Distribution without having to pay income tax on it. This may result in additional tax savings to you, depending on your personal tax situation. Please consult your IRA custodian or financial advisor about how to do this.

Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness to Plymouth Congregational Church!