



Stewardship 2022 Resource for Parish Callers | Frequently Asked Questions

Thank you again for your willingness to serve as a Parish Caller in our 2022 Stewardship Campaign. You have good material already with the Training Videos and Parish Caller Instructions. If some Adventers have specific questions related to the Covenant between the Advent and the Diocese of Alabama, or about the checkboxes on the Pledge Card, here is an FAQ that we hope will be helpful.

What did the Covenant between the Advent and the Diocese say regarding Stewardship?

As a part of the Covenant with the Diocese of Alabama, the Advent agreed to remove “Advent Only” as an option on our Pledge Card. If they so choose, Adventers may continue to direct or restrict their giving, indicating their instructions on the Pledge Card or Online Form.

What do the pledge categories mean?

If you check the first box on the pledge card, the Advent will send 10% of your contribution to the Diocese of Alabama. The Diocese will, in turn, send a portion of this amount to the Episcopal Church (the national church). The end result is that approximately 90% of your pledge contribution remains at the Advent, 7-8% is available for use by the Diocese, and 2-3% goes to the national church.

If you check the second box on the pledge card, the Advent will send 10% of your contribution to the Diocese, but the Diocese will not share any part of this amount with the national church. The end result is that approximately 90% of your pledge contribution remains at the Advent, and 10% is available for use by the Diocese.

While the “Advent Only” box does not appear on this year’s pledge card, the Advent will strictly adhere to instructions and designations that a parishioner includes as part of his or her pledge. (Please remember that all pledge contributions are used to fund the annual operating budget, while contributions to specific ministries or programs are handled separately and are not considered to be pledges.)

Who can someone call with questions about pledge designations?

The Advent has effective policies and procedures in place to ensure that pledge designations are honored. If you have questions about this, please call our Administrator, Bryan Helm: 205-226-3501.

Can Stewardship Callers answer questions about pledge designations?

Yes. If someone has a question about what the checkboxes on the Pledge Card mean, or if they can write in Advent Only, Stewardship Callers can answer their questions. Please use the guidance from this FAQ to help clarify any questions.

Who has access to financial information and giving records at the Advent?

The Advent’s administrative staff and financial office handles the regular and routine processes regarding the church’s finances, including giving records of members. The Advent maintains strict levels of financial accountability and confidentiality, with audits from an outside firm occurring each year.