

Voting Membership Requirements Under New Constitution

Each year, in order to become or continue as a Member of First Church, it's each Member's responsibility to let the Church know of his or her financial commitment to the Church. Your pledge or planned contribution allows the Church to plan and budget responsibly for the upcoming year. Please remember that your pledge, automatic withdrawal, or gift is not a contract-- it can be altered as your situation necessitates.

For the Current (2009 to 2010) Church Year:

To be a Voting Member under our new Church Constitution (adopted June 14, 2009), a Church Member is required to have (1) made a financial contribution of record in the last 12 months and (2) have made a "pledge" to the current or upcoming operating fund of the Church (for a minimum financial contribution as required under Article II of the Constitution).

We have wonderful Church Members who continue to make generous and consistent contributions to the Church, often by automatic withdrawals, but who may not have filled out a pledge card last spring to indicate their financial commitment. For the June 2010 Annual Meeting only, those Members will be considered to have met the "pledge" requirements. If you are in need of a waiver of the minimum financial contribution requirement for the remainder of the 2009 to 2010 church year, please don't hesitate to contact one of our ministers.

For Future Church Years (2010 to 2011 and beyond):

Members continuing with automatic withdrawals as their means of making their financial commitment to the Church, or who are otherwise planning a gift or contribution, need to inform the Church that is your intent, to ensure that planned contribution is recorded and it is clear that a financial commitment of a pledge to the operating budget has been made and Voting Membership has been established.

If you find you are in need of a waiver of the minimum financial contribution requirement in future years, please don't hesitate to contact one of our Ministers.