



INSTRUCTIONS

Please enter into a time of prayer, and then consider the following as you complete your 2017 Commitment Form.

TIME: Please reflect on the percentage of your Time that you are willing to commit to God's work, and record the number of hours per month where indicated in the Time section of the form. This may be time spent in activities such as worship, prayer, Bible study, book studies, devotional reading, service on boards or committees, volunteer work in mission, participation in ministries outside the church, hands-on care for someone in need, and other sharing of your spiritual gifts and talents.

TALENT: The Talent section of the form highlights some of the major areas of our total ministry and lists under each area opportunities for your investment of time and talents. Please consider prayerfully each of these ministries in discerning where God is calling you to apply your special gifts, and check either male (M) or female (F) where indicated for the specific program(s) in which you would be willing to share your talents. Please include programs in which you are currently involved and intend to continue in 2017.

TREASURE: In addition to time and talents, this year's appeal includes an emphasis on the proportional giving of our Treasure. We invite you to use the enclosed Proportional Giving Worksheet, which is designed to help you compute your current commitment as a percentage of gross household income, using the Biblical tithe of ten percent as the minimum standard established by The United Methodist Church. After determining your current commitment, we ask you to consider **growing your financial commitment by at least one percent of your gross household income**, or a percent you feel represents an appropriate response to God for the blessings of your life. Record the amount and frequency of your giving where indicated on the Commitment Form. The Treasure portion of the form will be processed separately to preserve confidentiality.

ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER (EFT): The most convenient and cost-effective way to make a financial commitment to God through the church is by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). With EFT, you can reinforce your commitment to give your tithes and offerings to God from your "first fruits," before anything else. One easy step guarantees that your financial gifts will be received on a regular basis, even if you are out of town. EFT is easy and can be increased, decreased, or stopped at any time if your circumstances change.

