

# Smithers Christian Reformed Church



## 2025 Faith - Promise Giving

Church council has decided to continue with the faith-promise giving concept for 2025. We hope this will help set our financial priorities to faithfully carry out the tasks and projects that God has laid out for us. It is also our hope that giving from our first fruits will avoid lingering budget deficits.

### Timeline and Process

The church council prepared a provisional budget and will present it November 25, 2024. At that time, the congregation will have the opportunity to approve it.

To show your support, each member or family is asked to fill in a faith-promise pledge form. The intent is for each person or family to consider their giving capabilities and intent to give for 2025. God's provision for our church family is never in question, so we should ask whether we are giving from our first fruits or from the remnants.

The bookkeeper will collect the faith-promise pledge forms which are to be returned by December 2nd, 2024. All pledges will remain strictly confidential. After reviewing the total amount pledged, the council will compare it with the approved provisional budget.

*If less than 70% of the church budget is pledged, two follow up options exist:*

- 1) Council will begin to collect outstanding pledge forms from those who have not yet provided them; and/or
- 2) Items will be removed from the budget in a prioritized manner, until pledges reflect 70% of the provisional budget.

Total results of the pledges, and our ability to meet or need to reduce the budget will be revealed to the congregation in December of 2024.

Al Brandsma, Chair of Council