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2009 Diocesan Pledge

Forms Due by December 1, 2008

3 November 2008

Dear Colleague:

Included with this letter is the Diocese's new pledge form for your church. Members of the Diocesan Council and others had significant input in revising the document to better reflect our shared mission and ministry, particularly the values of education and active stewardship.

We hope the new stewardship form invites prayerful reflection on congregational giving and also on the percentage of income to be pledged to support ministry outside of the congregation. This includes Diocesan giving, which is used for capacity building for all congregations.

As part of our Diocesan commitment to improve transparency in our communication and actions, we have clarified and highlighted how a congregation should compute its estimated pledge dollars. We have also divided the congregation's indication of its pledge to the Diocese from where a congregation records its pledge to other outreach and ministry beyond the Diocese. Please remember that the percentage pledged is what congregations are accountable for; the dollar amount pledged is only an estimate at this point.

For your convenience we have expanded congregations' options for fulfilling their pledge commitment. The Diocese can now accept payment by credit card or ACH debit (withdrawal of funds from your checking account). We can arrange for each congregation to have its credit card or bank account debited by a specified amount on a date of its choice – eliminating the need to process/remember to make payments manually. Congregations would still receive monthly statements reflecting payments made. If you are interested in one of these options please see the second page of the pledge form for required information.

We are asking congregations to commit to only two things going forward. First, that you be as accurate – and as generous – as you can when estimating your pledge percentage. Second, that you commit to making a pledge payment monthly to the Diocese tied to the percentage of your income that you have received.

Next year will be a challenge for all of us, yet we all need to live into the spirit of abundance that is one of our core beliefs. Remember that we are all in this together. If the Finance Office can be of any assistance please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank You.

Sincerely,

Richard B. H. Graham
Chief Financial Officer

The Rt. Rev. Mark M. Beckwith
Bishop of Newark

Enclosure



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Church Name: _____

Church Town: _____

OUR 2009 PLEDGE FOR DIOCESAN MINISTRY

We, the Vestry/Executive Committee of _____ (church) located in _____ (town), New Jersey acknowledge that all that we have is a gift from God and, as members of the Body of Christ, stewardship of these gifts includes support of the mission and ministry of our Diocese, within and beyond its borders. We therefore pledge _____% of our general purpose income to the Diocese of Newark for 2009. Our pledge for 2008 was _____%.

For Diocesan Council Planning Purposes

Acknowledging that the Diocesan budget process is dependent upon pledges from congregations, using the formula below we estimate our 2009 pledge dollar amount as follows (please fill in all numbers):

(_____)	+	(_____)	X	_____%	=	\$_____
<i>General Purpose Income</i>		<i>Facilities Use Donations - Related Facilities Use Expense</i>		<i>2009 Pledge Percentage</i>		<i>Estimated Pledge Dollars</i>

Since these figures are our best estimates, we will compare this estimated pledge against actual end-of-year figures and report to the Diocese by 27 February, 2010.

We expect to contribute \$ _____ monthly.

We prefer making payments as follows:

- Checks payable to "The Diocese of Newark – 2009 Pledge"
- Credit Card – recurring debit (see *2009 Pledge – Payment Information/Options*)
- ACH Debit (see *2009 Pledge – Payment Information/Options*)

Separate from our Diocesan pledge, we also expect to give _____% of our general operating income to other outreach mission and ministry for a total of _____% given beyond ourselves.

Signed:

(Rector/Vicar)

(Warden)

(Clerk/Treasurer)

Date Approved by Vestry/Executive Committee: _____, 2008

Person to contact for additional pledge information/questions:

(Contact person—name, phone, and email)

Please return this form by 1 December 2008 to:

The Diocesan Council, c/o Finance Office, 31 Mulberry Street, Newark New Jersey 07102.



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Church Name: _____

Church Town: _____

2009 PLEDGE – PAYMENT INFORMATION/OPTIONS

Paying By **Credit Card?** VISA MasterCard Discover American Express

Credit Card Number: _____

Name on Card: _____

Expiration Date: _____ (Month) _____ (Year)

Authorized Signature: _____

Please choose one option:

- I authorize the Diocese of Newark to debit the above credit card account in monthly installments equal to 1/12 of my estimated dollar pledge amount.
- I authorize the Diocese of Newark to debit the above credit card account in monthly installments of \$_____.

(Signature)

(Title)

Paying By **ACH**

Bank Name: _____

Bank Account Number: _____

Bank Routing Number: _____

Please choose one option:

- I authorize the Diocese of Newark to debit the above bank account in monthly installments equal to 1/12 of my estimated dollar pledge amount.
- I authorize the Diocese of Newark to debit the above bank account in monthly installments of \$_____.

(Signature)

(Title)