

► What is Tithing?

Tithing is the consistent spiritual practice of passing on that which we receive to something greater than ourselves. This practice of faith, trust, and generosity has been practiced for thousands of years. Faith and belief grow through acts of gratitude.

For example, we all know that when we give love we get it back; when we demonstrate kindness we get kindness in return; and when we show our understanding, we receive understanding. This is also true with our financial resources. The more we give, the more we receive.

Tithing is a spiritual principle of circulation which we practice by gratefully giving back to our Source. Individuals who practice tithing give at least ten percent of their income to communities and organizations from which they are spiritually fed or whose spiritual mission they feel led to enhance. When you ask someone who tithes why they do it, you will always hear about the abundance tithing creates in their lives, abundance in love, friends, careers, peace and financial resources.

TITHING IS ABOUT FAITH

The knowingness that Life Itself will meet your every need and fulfill your every desire.

TITHING IS ABOUT GRATITUDE

Knowing that God is already showering you with all the Good that you have received.

TITHING IS ABOUT LIVING IN THE FLOW OF LIFE

Giving and receiving, in an unending, eternal circle of wholeness.

"There is no reason we should ever stop accepting more and more good. Our thought should so enlarge that it cannot help gathering more and more, even though, with the other hand, we are ever distributing what we gather. Indeed, the only reason for having is that we may give to others."

Dr Ernest Holmes



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EXPANDING
to Infinite
HEIGHTS

FREQUENTLY ASKED
QUESTIONS

CSLDallas
A CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL LIVING



"We should give of ourselves in love and in service to others, in a spirit of generosity and good fellowship. To refuse to give is to refuse to receive, for everything moves in circles. Real giving is the givingness of the self." Dr Ernest Holmes

Why do we have an annual pledge campaign?

CSLDallas is a dynamic, powerful, diverse and thriving community. Part of being a viable community is providing a planned giving campaign for our members. Planned giving follows the principles of the Science of Mind by providing each of us a channel to invest in making a positive change in ourselves and our world. This campaign also allows us to address our financial needs once a year, freeing the other months to solely focus on the nourishing spiritual messages and music you expect.

How does it work?

Each member and friend of CSLDallas receives a letter from the Center that includes a Card of Intent. You are asked to prayerfully and thoughtfully make a specific dollar pledge to be given during the year (January 1 to December 31). You may give your tithe, offerings or gifts on a weekly, monthly, quarterly or annual basis. You can return the Card of Intent to the Center by mail or in the offering on any Sunday during the campaign. We wish to have all cards returned before Celebration Sunday.

Does the money committed in this campaign pay for all the expenses in our approved Center's budget?

The answer is no. However, the intent of the campaign is to cover most of our expected expenses through regular, consistent giving. Generally speaking, the goal of the campaign is to raise approximately 70% of the approved budget. The balance of the money used to operate the Center comes from classes, seminars, workshops and non-pledged gifts. Most importantly, our efforts allow the leadership of CSLDallas to accurately forecast the income, which enables us to make better financial decisions and to be better stewards. In other words, we use these commitments as a compass to guide us through our budget process.

If my circumstances change throughout the year, can I change my pledge?

Yes. You may increase or decrease your pledge at any time. This program is not designed to be a bill you owe, but rather a gift you give that transforms your life, through spiritual prosperity principles, and the life of our spiritual community. Once a quarter, you will receive information about your giving so you'll know where you are with respect to your original commitment.

What if I don't think I can pledge right now?

This is clearly an individual's choice and we will support any decision you make. However, we encourage you to thoughtfully consider what making a pledge will mean for you. Ernest Holmes, Founder of Science of Mind, teaches us that what we can see in our mind becomes our reality. Simply stated, if we see ourselves with growing resources, we create our personal expansion. Think about committing yourself to a goal and trusting the Law of Prosperity, thus continuing to build a world full of individuals who have trusted Spirit to provide based on their willingness to give. Do you really have anything to lose, other than fear?