

### CHANGED BY JESUS - EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT - BOLDLY FOLLOWING GOD INTO THE WORLD

"Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your curtains wide, do not hold back; Lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes." — Isaiah 54:2

May 15, 2025

Dear Members and Friends of NCC,

We are enjoying a season of growth and blessing at Newton Covenant Church, with new individuals and families making us their church home, and as many choose to commit to membership with us. This growth is not only in quantity, but also in quality, as we live out God's mission in our world. We see expansion in outreach, increased depth of discipleship, more engagement in service opportunities, and a greater commitment to prayer, praise, and worship of our Lord. Community Groups continue to add new participants, and notably, our Next Gen Ministry is reaching more and more students. Our various Compassion and Global Missions continue to extend these blessings, both locally and around the world.

When God expands His blessings, He calls on His people to enlarge their capacity to spread those blessings. We now have a great opportunity to respond and enlarge our tent, lengthen our cords, and strengthen our stakes. Picture a growing family going camping—we need a wide and sturdy tent to fully enjoy the adventure. As we pledge our personal giving to NCC in the coming year, we seek to fully enjoy the blessings of our enlarged tent.

Our Leadership Team and the various Ministry Teams, along with our Pastoral staff, work diligently to be wise stewards of the financial and personal resources which the men and women of our church so generously provide throughout the year. While we desire to enlarge our ministry capacity, we seek to set realistic and achievable goals to apply these resources. One important way we do this is to ask people to pledge how much of their personal or family finances they will generously contribute to Newton Covenant Church between July 2025 and June 2026.

Our pledges are not enforceable contracts, yet they do represent a sacred undertaking in which we seek the Lord's direction. So, please, in the coming weeks, take time to thank God for His many blessings, pray for wisdom in how you can reflect this in your giving, and then decide what amount you believe you can generously provide this coming year. We have two ways for pledges to be submitted. You may fill out your pledge online at www.newtoncovenant.org/pledge, or you may complete the enclosed pledge form and mail it to the office or drop it in the offering box.

Your generosity magnifies God's generosity as we abound in every good work together!

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In Christ,

Garrett Smith Frank Tully & Caroline Brownworth

Lead Pastor Stewardship Co-Directors



## THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING A GIFT TO NEWTON COVENANT CHURCH!

#### **OUR VISION**

We are a vibrant community, being changed by Jesus empowered by the Holy Spirit boldly following God into the world

### **OUR MISSION**

actively engage with God and his Word foster a caring community of disciples of Jesus invite our neighbors to follow Jesus with us bring God's healing to our hurting world

# **WAYS YOU CAN GIVE**

There are several giving options available to make giving convenient for you. You can make one-time and recurring gifts online and by text message. You can also send checks to our office address (959 Watertown St. Newton, MA) or by setting up recurring checks through your bank's bill pay system. Lastly, we can accept gifts of appreciated securities and other personal property — these allow NCC to benefit from the full market value of your gift while enabling you to take advantage of significant tax savings. Learn more at www.newtoncovenant.org/give.

## **HOW TO PLEDGE**

## **PLEDGE ONLINE**

https://www.newtoncovenant.org/pledge

# PLEDGE BY MAIL

Complete and detach the form below and place it in the offering box or mail to:
Newton Covenant Church
959 Watertown St., Newton, MA 02465



# MY/OUR FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

for July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026:

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\*This estimate of giving may be revised or canceled at any time.

KEEP THIS PORTION AS A RECORD OF YOUR FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

### **RETURN THIS PORTION**

Mail to the church office at 959 Watertown Street, Newton, MA 02465 or place in offering box on upcoming Sundays.

My/Our Pledge for July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026:

| Name(s) Address | Amount \$  Weekly Monthly Annually     |
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| Phone           | I/we are unable to pledge at this time |
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