

Offering  
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I belong to a small church in which, like most main-line Protestant churches, the members "pledge" the amount they are going to contribute for the year.

Many members simply divide that amount by twelve and write a once-a-month check while they are doing their other bills.

I, however, have always felt there was a significance in the act of writing my check each week and offering it up each Sunday morning as a reminder of the source of my first and greatest commitment.

That is, I felt that way until I received a Monday-morning phone call from the church treasurer. "Helen," she said, "you made your check out to Kroger."

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