

Not Ordinary Church

Stewardship Song

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To the tune of "In the Midst of New Dimensions" by Julian Rush (with apologies!)

1. In the midst of new dimensions,
Queasy budgets, bottom lines
It's the time of year when we all
Have to just make up our minds!

God of pledge cards, God of checkbooks,
Kick us off our comfy duffs
Make us imagine, make us brave to
Go beyond
And give beyond
Just what's enough.

2. Now, we know that it ain't easy,
Times are hard, and money's tight.
Let's keep a lively sense of humor
While we try to do what's right.

God of vision, play and justice,
Leading with a laugh and roar,
We, your people, this the church now,
Ever changing,
Ever serving
Being so much more.

3. God, you've never had to pay bills,
Lead a Stewardship campaign.
Still, we trust you know what you're doing
Here we are, in church again

Doing what we we're called to do now
Pledge to help this church to thrive
So that we can change the world now
Or at least take
A leap of faith
Give it a good try!

4. Sometimes budgets make us anxious,
Sometimes money seems so tight
Bills, repairs, Creation's pain now
Really can give us a fright

But there's much more to the story,
Lively church, a new world, too
Stewardship need not be gory
Smile, laugh and raise our pledges,
Let's make hope come true!

5. Raise those pledges, whip out your checkbooks,
God, you call us to be bold.
Take a deep breath, to create
A living church
That doesn't fit the mold!

God of pledges, God of promise,
God of change who calls us on;
We, the church, will build your new world,
Now we promise
Now we'll work hard
Bring it, bring it on!

Sometimes the words don't fit the meter, but do the best you can. Sometimes it's intentional, like in Verse 5. I will often choose words over meter.



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