



HOLY TRINITY

BY THE LAKE

Dear Holy Trinity Parishioner:

There is no doubt that our Holy Trinity by the Lake family is “A Church on the Move, Sharing the Light of Christ.” Psalm 112 speaks eloquently about the theme of *Living Generously*. It defines such generous living as being gracious, merciful and righteous. To live in such a way, we are to conduct our lives with justice. *Living Generously* is a call to action to each of us as followers of Jesus.

With God’s help your generous 2016 Stewardship response allowed us to achieve ALL major 2016 Budget and Program objectives. (1) Our Community Outreach budget was increased to \$18,000, (2) Father Rene was able to be hired as Assistant Priest, (3) Youth and Adult Education programs and Worship opportunities were each broadened, and (4) Campus infrastructure was upgraded. Along the way, our National Episcopal Church officially recognized Holy Trinity by the Lake for its immediate outreach to the victims of the December 26, 2016 Rowlett tornado. All of this was achieved as a result of your *Living Generously* stewardship - encouraging and supporting a 2016 membership increase to date of 33, and average Sunday attendance of 207.

In October we will embark on a six-week annual giving campaign: *Living Generously*. You will hear from several notable guest speakers about how we are striving to live more generously as we offer our Time, Talent and Treasure. Our annual Stewardship Campaign is a time to reflect on the practice of intentional giving so that we live into the generous and abundant life that God offers us. *Living Generously* brings us closer to that abundant life.

With your continued support, 2017 will be another year filled with great accomplishments at Holy Trinity by the Lake.

Enclosed you will find your 2017 pledge commitment card. We invite you to prayerfully consider how you can live more generously, and the amazing impact your 2017 pledge can have on our community of faith, your life, and the wider community.

Rector

Senior Warden

Stewardship Chairman