

JOURNEY TO GENEROSITY



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“Put simply, life is a God-given opportunity to become who we are, to affirm our own true spiritual nature, claim our truth, appropriate and integrate the reality of our being, but most of all, to say ‘Yes’ to the One who calls us the Beloved.”

Henri J.M. Nouwen

Dear *(name)*,

Life is an opportunity and a journey — a journey to saying “Yes” to the God who calls us Beloved. Life is a journey to love, to welcome and to invite; a journey to create peace and to live generously. This year life’s abundance has increased more than we could ever hope or pray for. We have reached out to those in need on a scale we never imagined. Due to the continued support of you, the parish, we have responded to calls for assistance at times of natural disaster, to outreach needs in our community, to pastoral care needs from the Discretionary Fund and the breadth of our ministries continues to expand.

The Journey to Generosity is about participating in God’s inexhaustibility. We are learning that God’s love, healing, and forgiveness are inexhaustible. We must overcome our trepidation about God’s nature so that we can say “Yes” to God’s call to partnership.

Our journey began this year on our HT Connect Flight to even greater horizons and we invite you to take the flight of believing the outcome is certain and to participate in the inexhaustibility of God by confidently joining our journey to greater generosity. God willing, we will add a Curate to our staff in 2018 when James Dietrich is ordained. We have added new ministry opportunities, especially for children. We have recently added a group to manage our Pastoral Care and we will soon introduce a children’s choir.

Please consider committing to a standard of giving that reflects your standard of living. For many, that means giving 10 percent (the biblical tithe) of their income to God’s work through our church. For others, tithing is a goal they are working toward by increasing their giving two or three percent each year. Let us walk together on this Journey to Generosity so the glory of God might shine brighter through the mission and ministries of Holy Trinity by the Lake!

Enclosed is a pledge card, please prayerfully consider your gift and return the card during our ingathering on November 4th and 5th. Pledges can be presented at any of the services. Your card and gift to the United Thank Offering will be accepted and blessed. We will again complete the celebration with a Thanks-For-Giving lunch at noon on November 5th.

Faithfully,

Rector

Senior Warden

Stewardship Chair