



Dear St. George's,

We write to you at the beginning of Stewardship Season with one key question on our minds: How is St. George's to become an instrument of God's unconditional love?

2021 has been another year of uncertainty—changing our lives from all virtual to hybrid; adding hand sanitizer and masks to the pencils and pens in our school bags; and expanding the ways we worship to include streaming, outdoor, and live services in our sanctuary. But one constant has been God's call to us meet our mission and to live our vision.

As we look to a new year, **How will we answer God's call to St. George's in 2022?** It is an aspirational question and one we all have been praying about since this pandemic began. What would God have us do, and what are the tools we need to do it? That is, to:

- Seek God in our lives and renew our faith
- Worship in the wisdom of our Episcopal tradition and follow as the spirit directs us
- Embrace all who call St. George's home and respect the dignity of every human being,,
- Strive to be the community God calls us to be and champion justice and peace
- Thank God for our blessings and connect with one another

As we are transformed by the love of God, we at St. George's can, with God, transform the world. So, with transformation in mind: Who does God call St. George's to be? What does our response to that call **reveal** about us?

Please, spend time in prayer this Stewardship Season to consider **your role** in sustaining St. George's as a viable congregation, as a growing community, and as an agent of God's transformation. We all have an important part to play – not only in the ways we live into our mission and vision, but also in how we provide the financial stability to make our yearning a reality.

It is with our monies, time, and talent that we can, as God promised, recover the years Covid has eaten, and become what God has promised we can be.

More information and a pledge card will be sent to you. Gratitude Sunday will be November 14, or you may pledge immediately using this link <https://stgeorges-maplewood.org/min-stewardship/>. Whatever way you pledge, please be a part of St. George's stewardship journey.

In prayerful partnership,

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