



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Dear Parishioner,

Accompanied with this letter is a copy of the Financial Presentation and the Five-Year Plan the Vestry has developed for St. John's Church. This document was discussed at our Annual Meeting in January and included the election of new vestry members, highlights of our ministries, the initiation of a 2018 stewardship plan, and other news for the coming year.

The principal objective of this letter is to inform you about St. John's financial operations, and in turn, seek your affirmation of financial support. I am a proponent of the belief that the more one is informed, the more likely one will support. Therefore, I trust you will give careful consideration to our 2018 budget and Five Year Plan. Please contact me, or any member of the Vestry, if you have questions or need additional information.

Last year we hosted a series of cottage meetings to solicit your hopes and dreams with respect to having a full-time parish priest – the overwhelming response was “YES!” The budget we have developed for 2018 and beyond is a visible manifestation of your overwhelming desire to have a full time settled priest at St. John’s. To make that wish a reality, we need your help!

Your financial support to St. John's for 2018 can begin by filling out the enclosed Pledge Card and returning it in the envelope provided. *I can't emphasize the importance of your personal pledge to St. John's.* Pledging provides St. John's with a measure to plan and manage our operating budget. For our parishioners, it is an easy but important manifestation of one's stewardship to one's faith. Please respond as generously as possible, remembering that your pledge can be amended to reflect unforeseen events in the year to come.

We need your input as we move into this year's budget and the many wonderful ministries that result from the generous support of our parishioners. We look forward to receiving your Pledge Card and commitment to St. John's in 2018.

Faithfully,

David Bayersdorfer
Senior Warden