



Making a Needed Difference

Dear Friends,

It nearly goes without saying that this year has presented challenges to our church, collectively, and our parishioners, personally. Yet, through a global pandemic, disrupted schedules, a crisis for racial equity and justice for police brutality, we have found ways to continue to pray together, to worship together, and to make a difference. While we may not be physically together, as a congregation we are together in Spirit.

We are hopeful and energized by our congregation as we approach our Annual Giving Campaign, which begins this month. This year, we are reflecting on our congregation's call to **"Make a Needed Difference."** We invite you to consider pledging this year as a commitment to investing in our institution and leaning into the impact Holy Communion makes within our congregation, our community, and our world.

In past years, your Stewardship Committee has asked you to generously respond to specific requests as you consider your annual pledge. We know this has been a difficult year, and we know the virus has had an uneven impact on our community. We know not everyone will be able to give what they want. We ask you, if you can, to increase your giving to care for your neighbor. Help us to make up the difference. This year, we ask three questions as you consider making a financial commitment to the church:

- What has Holy Communion meant to you over the past few months?
- What are your hopes for Holy Communion in the months ahead?
- Can you help us make a needed difference?

In the days and weeks ahead, a member of the Stewardship Committee or Vestry will reach out to you to schedule time to discuss these questions in person (safely distanced) or virtually by phone or video chat. With your input, commitment, and participation, our parish can make that needed difference to reach out to serve God's people and to advocate for social justice and peace.

The church will celebrate our shared pledge to "Make a Needed Difference" on Sunday, October 11th. Please join us in making a commitment to do the work God is calling us to do.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this invitation.

With Gratitude,

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Stewardship Co-Chair

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