The Cathedral Church of St. Paul

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Dear Members and Friends of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul:

You are by now surely aware that Sunday, November 1st is the Feast of All Saints and In-gathering/Stewardship Sunday for our congregation. This year's theme: *"Living Testimonies: Stewarding Our Stories"* highlights that fact that each one of us has a story to tell. We have a part to play in building God's kingdom.

It has been said, congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes. Many members strive to give a tithe (10%) of their income or another amount that represents a sacrificial gift for God's Kingdom. To Jesus, what matters most is not the amount or the percent, but the intentionality we put behind the giving.

That's the way the Cathedral Church of St. Paul strives to approach our Stewardship/In-gathering program. We are given the opportunity to learn and practice the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving: the desire of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive.

Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we seek to treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. We encourage you to prayerfully ask the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

On *In-gathering/Stewardship Sunday*, November 1st, we will ask our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's outreach and other ministries in this community for 2027. During our morning worship, members will make their commitments as a voluntary act of worship. The collection of *Estimate of Giving Card* is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if they choose not to fill out a card.

If you are **unable to attend the In-gathering Sunday**, we encourage you to either:

1. Place the Estimate of Giving Card in the self-addressed envelope and return it to the church by November 1st.
2. Go Online and complete your Estimate of Giving Card 2027 electronically by visiting:
   https://giving.myamplify.io/App/Form/d58ffcb5-252f-402f-8899-1f3dabf134ef
   or by scanning this QR Code:

If you have found a spiritual home at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul and you believe in our mission and the vision of this community, then we encourage you to generously support our ongoing work. Remember, it is our collective generosity and support coming together that ensures our ministry to the greater Detroit community and beyond will thrive!

Blessings to you and yours,

The Very Reverend Joseph C. Alsay, Dean of the Cathedral