# Year-Round Stewardship: Building a New Culture of Provision

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### **Stewardship Re-Visioned**

Introduction

What

Why

How

When

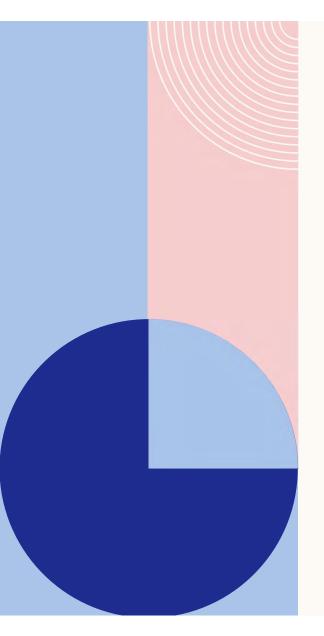
## GG FAITH BY ITSELF, IF IT IS NOT ACCOMPANIED BY ACTION, IS DEAD.

The Letter of James in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chapter

- Merriam-Webster: 'Stewardship' is defined as "the conducting, supervising, or managing of something," especially "the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care".
- <u>Biblical roots</u>: Leviticus 25:23 describes humans as being no more than "tenants" on God's earth.
- Taking care and building up: "Very simplistically, a good steward would have left something better than how he or she would have found it." (Grace Sai, CEO of co-working space provider Found8)

### What: Stewardship = caring

- Caring for ourselves, exercise, education and spiritual health.
- Caring for our internal community, our parish, our Diocese.
- Caring for our external community—our city and county.
- Caring for our siblings in the most need, working with the poor.
- Caring for our campus, short-term and long-term improvements.
- Caring for our environment and God's creation.



### Why

- God is renewing Christ Episcopal Parish, and stewardship is the lifeblood of that renewal.
- Vibrant stewardship will enable us to energize our ministries and engage more within the Greater Rockville community.
- Holistic rethinking of stewardship calling upon involvement of each ministry of the parish

"See, I am doing a new thing.

Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

I am making a new way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."

Isaiah 43



- Build a new committee based on parish mission and our ministries
- Reposition "campaign" as work done in an organized and active way toward a particular goal
- Highlight our parish ministries on a regular basis
- Involve endowment committee in planned giving & fundraising
- Aspire to "paperless" pledging and giving



### Questions

- If we do not have a typical "campaign"... when do we pledge?
- Will we still have a stewardship kick-off skit?
- I am interested in joining the re-visioned stewardship committee as a ministry representative. What should I do?

#### **THANK YOU**

Please prayerfully consider your pledge, and submit your pledge by the end of November.

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