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Year-Round Stewardship: Building a New Culture of Provision

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The background features a large, light beige rectangle on the left. To its right, a large 'X' shape is formed by four triangles meeting at a central point. The top-left triangle is olive green, the top-right is a lighter olive green, the bottom-left is light pink, and the bottom-right is a darker pink. A solid dark blue circle is positioned on the bottom-left pink triangle.

Stewardship Re-Visioned

Introduction

What

Why

How

When

“ FAITH BY ITSELF, IF IT IS NOT
ACCOMPANIED BY ACTION, IS
DEAD. ”

The Letter of James in the 2nd 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”
- Biblical roots: 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***



How

- 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

When

- **July 2023** – Vestry resolution revisioning stewardship committee and ministry involvement
 - **October/November 2023:** Ministry Minutes; Planned Giving Seminar
 - **By end of November 2023:** Receive pledges for 2024
 - **2024:** Launching Year-Round Stewardship (for 2025 pledges)
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- The diagram features a horizontal timeline arrow pointing right, with a vertical tick mark separating the years 2023 and 2024. Three vertical red lines mark specific events in 2023: the first is aligned with 'July 2023', the second with 'October/November 2023', and the third with 'By end of November 2023'. A large, stylized circular graphic in the upper right corner is divided into a red segment and a dark blue segment. The background includes abstract shapes: a blue triangle on the left and a large pink circle behind the timeline.

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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