Church of Our Saviour

2016 Every Member Canvass
From the Rector

Church of Our Saviour is a vital mission in the city of Atlanta. We are a parish church committed to worshipping the Lord in the beauty of holiness, and we trust that our common life of prayer will lead to the renewal of our minds and the transformation of our hearts in Jesus Christ.

Essential to the Christian practice of stewardship is the awareness that everything that we have comes from God. The first disciples who formed community around Jesus were taught that they were to be wise stewards of their gifts, the earth and their money. What we do with our time, our talent and our treasure, reveals our most deeply held commitments and values. Our legacy is about where we put our deepest trust.

Our annual stewardship campaign is not only about money; it is also about how we treat each other and all of God’s creation. This year we have raised the visibility of the work that often goes on behind the scenes so that the ministry of Church of Our Saviour can be effective and faithful. The time and talent given by many is essential to our task.

As you consider your pledge to Church of Our Saviour, take some time in prayer to think through what the Church means to you. Think about the Church of Jesus Christ spread across the earth bearing witness to the Light that has come into the world. Then think about this parish church and the call of Christ in this place. The Church is not a secondary bit of God’s saving plan—the Church has been launched in the midst of history to gather together the human family and to glorify the Lord. This stewardship season, like all others, is about God and His everlasting goodness.

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples. Sing to him, sing praises to him, and speak of all his marvelous works.

Ps. 105: 1-2

Father Zack +

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of working, but it is the same God who inspires them all in every one.

1 Corinthians 12:4-6

From the Stewardship Committee

Joyful giving is a sign of our gratitude to God. It is sharing, in a planned, proportionate way, the wealth God has given us. It is an expression of our faith, of what we believe, of what we profess.

In responding with your commitments for the spread of God’s Kingdom through the Church of Our Saviour for the coming year, the Stewardship Committee asks you to consider the biblical standard of the tithe (literally, 10%), offered from the first fruits of your harvest in gratitude to God. Must it be exactly 10% of your income? Is it a percent of after-tax or pre-tax income? Each person must choose how to respond. God’s gift of free will means that God allows each of us to decide what we will do with our lives and our wealth.

A proportionate giving chart is included (below) as a reference. If you find that you can increase what you give this year over what you pledged last year, that would be a significant step.

Earlier this fall, the Parish Ministry Fair provided an initial opportunity to consider our commitments of time and talent to the ministries of the Church of Our Saviour. Please use the enclosed pledge card to indicate your interest in a new commitment or to reaffirm your commitment for the coming year.

Please complete the pledge cards on the inside pages and enclose them in the envelope provided, in the collection plate or by mail on or before Sunday, November 1, Ingathering Sunday. Thank you. May God continue to bless you and your family.

The Stewardship Committee, Church of Our Saviour, 2015

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Financial Summary

How we as a parish utilize the resources with which we are entrusted reveals how our ministries are made possible: how we share the Good News of the Gospel and continue the spread of God’s Kingdom.

2015 PROJECTED REVENUE

Projected revenue for 2015 is illustrated in the chart adjacent to the right. Our treasurer reports that over the recent past, actual revenue and expenses have tracked very closely with the approved budget.

Pledged Income: This revenue is income received over the course of the year as payments on pledges.

Non-Pledged Income: This represents gifts and contributions received in the course of the year from parishioners who have not pledged, including newcomers and visitors, as well as other freewill offerings.

Diocesan Support: This category includes a grant from the diocesan bishop for Fr. Thompson to serve as chaplain to Emory. It also includes financial support the bishop has been providing to the parish over the past decade to maintain the parish, in the hope that we can grow to be self-sustaining. The bishop’s commitment is limited, however, and the parish has to respond, taking up full responsibility for our expenses in the very near future. For 2015, the bishop’s financial subsidy is $21,875; it declines to $11,875 in 2016; thereafter, the parish is expected to be self-sufficient. The financial challenge to the parish is to grow our revenue, as we do not have the ability to operate with a shortfall.

Non-Contributions Income: This represents freewill gifts from AA for the use of our facilities and other miscellaneous revenue.

2015 PROJECTED EXPENSES

Projected operating expenses for 2015 are illustrated in the chart adjacent to the right.

Administration: These expenses are basic to any organization and include office equipment and supplies, postage and telephone.

Property: These are the costs of maintaining the physical presence of our witness to the Gospel News and include utilities, insurance, property taxes and maintenance of our church buildings and rectory. Our property is utilized every day of the week: in worship; in ministries like the Garrison Afterschool Program and Alcoholics and Narcotics Anonymous; and in programs like women’s aerobics, children’s Tai Chi and Irish dance.

Outreach: Through outreach, we share the Good News and tend to the needs of others. Outreach includes our diocesan assessment (10% of our pledges and offerings), which supports missions in our diocese and the world, and community ministries like the Intown Collaborative Ministries, which provides food and clothing to the needy.

Program: These expenses support our proclamation of the Good News within the parish and include replacement hymnals and prayer books, supplies for the altar and Sunday school program, guest speakers and music.

Staff: This expense represents the salary and benefits for our rector, organist/choirmaster and part-time administrative support. (Each gives a great deal more of himself or herself than is represented by the expense shown here.)
**Personal Commitment for 2016**
As I promised or others promised on my behalf at my baptism:

- I reaffirm my renunciation of the evil powers of this world, which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God, and of all sinful desires that draw me from the love of God; and

- I renew my commitment to Jesus Christ and acceptance of Him as my Saviour, putting my whole trust in His grace and love, and promising to follow and obey Him as my Lord; and

- I promise, with the help of God:
  - To continue in the Apostles’ teaching, as it is found in Holy Scripture, and to which the Apostles’ and Nicene Creeds bear witness
  - To continue in the Apostles’ fellowship, by taking an active part in the life of this congregation and offering it my time, talent and treasure
  - To continue in the Breaking of Bread, by attending Holy Eucharist each Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation unless it is truly impossible to do so
  - To continue in the Prayers, praying regularly for the mission and ministry of the Church throughout the world and for this congregation
  - To proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ
  - To seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving my neighbor as myself

**Financial Commitment for 2016**
As a sign of my commitment, it is my intention to give for 2016 the following (unless I provide notice otherwise):

$______________________ to the Church of Our Saviour each

☐ Week  ☐ Month  ☐ Quarter  ☐ Year (PLEASE CHECK ONE)

Signed ______________________________________  Dated ______________________

Please print name

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**Time and Talent Commitment for 2016**
Please indicate your commitment to join or continue in any of the various parish ministries listed below. Refer to the Parish Ministry brochure for additional information about any of these ministries.

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**Worship/Preparations**
- ☐ Lectors
- ☐ Ushers
- ☐ Servers and Acolytes (St. Vincent of Saragossa)
- ☐ Flower Guild (St. Bernadette’s)
- ☐ Altar Guild (St. Anne’s)
- ☐ Choir (St. Gregory’s)
- ☐ Oblation Bearers (11 am)

**Administration & Finance**
- ☐ The Angelus Newsletter — ☐ Clerical or ☐ Mail Prep
- ☐ Administrative Assistance (St. Matthew’s)
- ☐ Publicity
- ☐ Vestry

**Building & Grounds**
- ☐ Garden Guild (St. Fiacre)
- ☐ Building Maintenance (St. Joseph the Carpenter)
- ☐ Kitchen Keepers
- ☐ Green Action Guild

**Education**
- ☐ Adult Education (St. Cyril of Jerusalem)
- ☐ Children’s Education (Guild of the Christ Child)
- ☐ Garrison Afterschool Program

**Parish Life**
- ☐ Greeters – ☐ 8:30 am or ☐ 11 am
- ☐ Hosts – ☐ 8:30 am or ☐ 11 am
- ☐ Henry VIII (Meal Organizing/Set-up/Clean-up)
- ☐ Reception Committee

**Outreach**
- ☐ Holy Comforter Suppers
- ☐ Intown Collaborative Ministries (ICM)
- ☐ Church of the Common Ground

Signed ______________________________________  Dated ______________________

Please print name
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