



THE EPISCOPAL

CHURCH OF ST. PAUL

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October 2017

Dear Members & Friends of St. Paul's,

I am incredibly thankful for you and the awesome opportunity to serve alongside you as we make God's dream a reality here at St. Paul's. That's why I'm in for St. Paul's. I'm in because St. Paul's stands with the last, the lowest and the least and reminds us that in Christ we are all "somebody". I'm in because you have taught me how to be a better person, a better parent and a better priest. I'm in because giving is my joyful reply of thanks to all the many blessings God has bestowed on me.

Thank you! Thank you for being a part of the exciting and life-giving ministries of St. Paul's! Thank you for offering your time, money and talents to make St. Paul's a vibrant, vital, and vivid community of faith that invites, includes and inspires EVERYONE! Thank you for being an incredible steward of God's blessings. Your giving has helped this congregation make a difference in the lives of the people that St. Paul's serves in Jesus' name.

I firmly believe, with the Apostle Paul, that there is a power at work within us, as God's people, to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine. Over the last eleven years of ministering with you I have seen this community transform more fully into a place of profound growth, genuine joy and inspiring hope! Through your courage and commitment the impossible become reality and the unlikely become tangible.

As we prepare for another year with a myriad of possibilities ahead of us, I invite you to once again step out in faith to help support the many opportunities and ministries here at St. Paul's. I know many of us don't like to talk about money and I'll be honest God doesn't need money. God's ministry needs you and money. God's work here at St. Paul's needs you and your money to make a difference in our community and in the world. So take a moment to prayerfully consider how you will financially support God's work here at St. Paul's.

I actually don't care how much you give to the church. I trust that you understand your financial situation and give in a way that matches your situation. But I really care a lot that you give *something*. I hope you will prayerfully and thoughtfully identify the level of giving to God's work that is appropriate to you, and then turn that into a commitment – a pledge – using the commitment card (and available online).

I'm in because of you! Thank you for being a part of this faith community! Thank you for being you!

Yours in Christ,

The Rev. Deon K. Johnson

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Fellow St. Pauler's,

It's the time of the year for all of us to, once again, express our appreciation of, and commitment to St. Paul's by supporting the Annual Giving campaign.

For the 2018 Annual Giving campaign, we are adopting the NPR – short and simple - pledge drive format. Our campaign will be 3 short weeks and the theme for the campaign is simply - **I'm [in]**. In the spirit of our new short format, we'll keep our letter short as well.

Over the years, the generosity of our congregation has been truly **[in]**spiring; and It is only through that generous support that St. Paul's has continued to serve our spiritual needs and provide outreach to the greater Brighton community.

Our goal for the 2018 **I'm [in]** campaign is \$200,000 in pledges **and** regular giving; the same amount that we expect to receive this year. These funds are needed to pay our day-to-day expenses, excluding our building loans.

We truly want everyone to have the opportunity to declare - **I'm [in]**. While pledges help in our budgeting, and are **greatly** appreciated, for those who in the past have not been comfortable submitting a pledge for a specific amount, but give regularly during the year, we ask that you simply pledge to be a "**Regular Giver**". You don't need to specify an amount.

Will you continue to be **[in]**volved and to **[in]**vest in St. Paul's? We pray that your answer is – **YES** and that you will join us in raising **your** hand and declaring - **I'm [in]!!!!**

Blessings

I'm [in]
John Boris,
Treasurer

I'm [in]
Dianne Salisbury,
Assistant Treasurer

I'm [in]
Bob Salisbury,
Assistant Treasurer