

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT TO THE VESTRY, FEBRUARY 17, 2022

### **2021/22 PLEDGE CAMPAIGN**

The pledge campaign concluded during our normal Sunday service on January 16, 2022. As of this writing, we received a total of 46 pledges amounting to \$170,150.

During his presentation, Joel also introduced the TENS campaign theme for 2022/23 season, 'More Than Enough'. We will again rely on these TENS materials as we develop our pledge documents, seasonal and weekly reflections, and Prayers of the People.

### Feedback and Input on the 2021/2022 Campaign

The stewardship ministry is anxious to receive comments, feedback, or suggestions about how we can improve the pledge campaign, process, and/or materials. If you receive any input related to the process, please bring it to any member of the stewardship ministry.

We did receive one suggestion in response to our outreach calls. The parishioner suggested that we sponsor a special coffee hour 'Ministry Fair', during which each ministry sets up a table and invites parishioners to learn about (and perhaps volunteer) to serve on one or more ministries or projects. This suggestion may well be the sort of thing that we could take up, but only once the COVID protocols have been relaxed.

### **NEW EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS**

We have purchased new informational tracts, covering a variety of topics, from the Episcopal Church Foundation, Forward Movement. These materials are available at the welcome center for the use of parishioners and guests alike.

We have also purchased copies of several different brochures and booklets on 'Planned Giving'. These materials will be used in support of our ongoing educational activities and provide guidance for members who might consider legacy gifts to the parish.

### **150 YEARS AT THE INTERSECTION**

Our 15-month season of celebration will kick off on the weekend of May 21/22, 2022 with the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the laying of our cornerstone. We are grateful that Bishop Prince Singh will be joining us for our service on Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Maggie Hart, George Gibson, and Edie Peake have worked out a proposed budget to cover costs associated with these special events. This budget will be reviewed at our February meeting.

The 150<sup>th</sup> Steering group includes all of the Stewardship ministry members, but is expanded to include Holly, Jelesia, and Audrey. The work of this group is primarily to lay out the overall flow and schedule of events, and liaison back to other ministries or ad hoc workgroups, consistent with the description reviewed during our November Stewardship meeting.

### **PURPOSE**

**Relationships** - Although our building and its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary provide the vehicle, the 150<sup>th</sup> celebration is really centered on the parish role and relationships with our community and our neighbors. The purpose of the project is to celebrate, renew, and establish our important ties to the community, its institutions, and our neighbors. We hope to use this season of celebration to: **Open our doors, Welcome our neighbors, Share our gifts, and Build the parish.**

**Collaboration** - We discussed the importance of building this project in partnership and collaboration with our community stakeholders; never doing alone, that for which we can collaborate.

### **PLAN**

The season of celebration will take in 15 months between May 2022 and August 2023. During this period, there are basically 5 types of events to be planned:

1. Quarterly 'Anchor' historically significant events, that include corresponding Sunday worship services. These events to be coordinated by the steering committee and related ministries. These are the events that will require significant participation and involvement by the parish.
2. Music in the Heart of the City, 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday Artwalk: There is already a structure and process for planning and execution of these events. Hopefully we can co-brand them and target the content to highlight the 150 years of welcoming the community through our doors to celebrate music, arts, and culture.
3. Other Sundays, Feast Days, Holidays or special events may also provide opportunities for events, coordinated by ad hoc workgroups. There are literally dozens of dates, events, and opportunities for these additional celebrations and remembrances.
4. Community Events/St Paul's Participation: Juneteenth, Pride, Drop Fest, Alley Fest, Back to the Bricks, Crim, DDA Christmas Tree Lighting. It would be helpful to identify key St. Paul's representatives to lead our participation in these events and coordinate with planners.
5. Co-Branded External Events: Glenwood Cemetery, Sloan Exhibit, FIA, FIM, St. Cecelia Society, Community Choirs, Lecturers, Mott/UM-F (Student Photographers, Historians, Musicians), Whaley Historical House/McFarlan.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Stewardship Ministry will be Thursday, March 10, 2022 @ 5:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Walt Peake