

Stewardship, 2009

Why Stewardship?...
because I can! Can you?

Our Vision and Our Financial Priorities for 2009

Our Vision

Grow more fully into our mission to welcome, accept, nurture and serve all people by...

- ...**Celebrating** what is going well in our shared ministry;
- ...**Listening** to each other in order to deepen our relationship and enhance communication;
- ...**Identifying** what needs attention and change; and
- ...**Renewing** our life together as the body of Christ by establishing goals and priorities for the coming years.

Our Financial Priorities

Staffing and Salary Increases for Clergy and Staff

We have increased our clergy and staff salaries in order to remain competitive in the church. There is still more to accomplish. We want our clergy and staff compensation to be reflective of their commitment and contributions to this community. At the same time the need for additional staffing (part time sexton and bookkeeper, for instance) is becoming clear as our ministries grow and our existing staff are burdened beyond reasonable capacity.

Outreach

St. Catherine's continues to make a significant commitment to outreach ministries. Nearly 15% (14.9%) of our income is spent outside ourselves. The needs of the world continue to demand our prayers, our presence and our resources. Additional funding for 2009 allows us to increase our percentage of giving and to fund new ministries. St. Catherine's commitment to outreach is firm and is a demonstration of our commitment to our Lord's words: *Give and it will be given to you.*

Strengthening and Growing our Ministries

As we continue to grow, our ministries must grow to serve those who come seeking to know and experience the love of Jesus Christ. We want to fund our ministries at levels that encourage Ministry Teams to explore and develop new opportunities for mission and ministry.

Leadership Development

We ask our Vestry and other leaders to participate in Planning Retreats or training events that benefit the mission and ministry of this congregation. However, we also ask them to fund their own way. These funds provide financial support in thanksgiving for their gifts of time and talent.

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