

## **Stewardship: A Faithful Response to God's Mission**

### **Purpose**

The Stewardship Committee recognizes that everything we have (our time, talents, and treasures) belongs to God and that we are called to use these resources for God's purposes in the world. We also recognize that we are called to share these God-given gifts – we give generously because we have received abundantly.

The Stewardship Committee works to ensure that all these gifts are sufficient to guarantee that the vision outlined in the St. John's Strategic Plan is being fulfilled.

The Committee commits to accord proper emphasis to stewardship education in the work and life of the parish.

In this capacity, the Committee seeks to inspire and:

- Encourage and assist parishioners to discover and deploy their spiritual gifts in St. John's ministries and beyond.
- To nurture a greater understanding of stewardship.
- To engage the congregation with respect to our spiritual relationship to the things we own and our use of the earth's resources.
- To challenge the St. John's community to live with respect in creation.

We use as guiding principles our Baptismal Covenant – a framework for personal participation in the mission of God; and the Marks of Mission of the Anglican communion – a framework for faithful corporate participation in that mission.

### **Terms of Reference**

- Develop an annual plan to be presented at vestry. This to be reviewed annually.
- Engage with the ACC 'Inspire, Invite and Thanks' initiative.
- Maintain a time and talent list of parish activities and organizations.
- Coordinate and facilitate appreciation for those who are involved in parish volunteer ministry.
- Carry out a stewardship campaign annually.
- Communicate – through bulletin inserts, newsletter articles, other avenues for encouraging support for the stewardship process.
- Encourage an outward looking focus in the use of our private and corporate resources.
- Be accountable to Parish Council via the Incumbent and Wardens

## Membership

- 5 Members of the Congregation - to be appointed by the Incumbent in consultation with the Wardens and Parish Council
- Incumbent
- One warden
- Chair of the committee to be chosen from those appointed and will sit on the Finance committee.

The number of members of the committee may change as circumstances alter. A commitment of 3 years is requested.

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## Baptismal Covenant:

We dedicate ourselves to:

- Worshipping and praying,
- Reflecting, seeking forgiveness, and returning to God,
- Living by Christ's model,
- Serving others in Christ's name,
- Working toward justice and peace.

How might each of us carry this out, day by day and week by week?

## The Marks of Mission:

- To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom of God
- To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
- To respond to human need by loving service
- To seek to transform the unjust structures of society
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth.