



# THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

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Greetings to you in the Name of Christ our Lord!

This year's Rector's Stewardship Letter is jointly written with Anne Arms, our Gratitude Angel. This comes to you in the spirit of our year-round Stewardship Program with the theme "Grateful, Glad and Giving". It is our intent that through this, our understanding about stewardship will not be limited to financial matter but would include a renewed attitude on our role as stewards of God's creation.

In the "Grateful, Glad and Giving" suggested monthly sub-themes, the one for November is on gratefulness for Abundance, a very appropriate word that means "more than adequate, overflowing fullness".

As we look at our lives we have so many things in abundance. Starting with our creature comforts, running water, flush toilets, warming the house at the touch of a button, or cooling with a different button, a nearby grocery store, doctors, hospitals, schools for our children, and the freedom to choose how and where to worship.

As we look at our church it offers an abundance of opportunities. On the simplest level, we have others who share our beliefs and are there to share with us when we are in need. Through the various ministries the church offers us the opportunity to grow in our faith and to help others to grow in their faith. It also offers us the opportunity reach out to those less fortunate.

As we enjoy our abundance and our inclination to share them with others, we are reminded of the very reason why we do it. We are stewards of all these blessings and we acknowledge the source. In the discharge of our duties as God's stewards, we include both the ministries and the fabric of our church. We are so fortunate to have a beautiful sanctuary; great classroom space; our Memorial Garden; the Redwood Grove, spacious parking and a loving, caring, giving Rector who could truly benefit a more commensurate financial package.

This is the time for us to think about being good stewards for it is our individual responsibility to manage the affairs of our church. We are the sole support of our church. We need to be asking ourselves, "Am I doing all I can to contribute to making Ascension

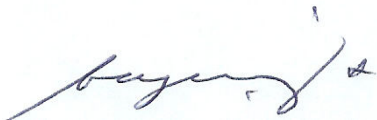
Church all that it can be". So we ask you to look into your hearts, count your blessings and consider thoughtfully what you are able to contribute this coming year.

Included in this letter is the Stewardship Flyer that contains the Financial Pledge and the list of ministries you might be interested to take part in. Please make a prayerful discernment as you fill out this form.

We have designated Sunday, November 21 as Commitment Sunday. We invite you to come on that Sunday and participate in a visual presentation of our gratefulness and offer our pledge form. If you cannot be present on that Sunday, please mail the form back to us and we will offer it on your behalf.

Thank you so much and we hope to see as many of you on that day. We remain

In God's Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. Bayani".

Fr. Bayani  
Rector

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anne Arms".

Anne Arms  
Gratitude Angel