

LIVING GENEROUSLY



Psalm 112 speaks eloquently about the theme of *Living Generously*. It defines such generous living as being gracious, merciful and righteous. To live in such a way, we are to conduct our lives with justice.

Generous living is much more than what we do with our money. We are called to be kind to one another and to all living things. We are called to deal with each other honestly, and to be humble.

We are delighted that God has brought you here to the Cathedral. We are blessed by your presence in our lives.

On Sunday, October 2, we will embark on a six-week annual giving campaign: *Living Generously*. You will hear from fellow parishioners and me about how we are striving to live more generously as we offer our time, talent and treasure.

Our ministries here are empowered through the generosity of all our members. Each week, we are nurtured in word and sacrament. We are called by God to care for those who are ill or hurting, and welcome all those searching for a community of faith.

We strive to be a generous people. Some of our members tithe, giving ten percent of their income to the church, while others commit a certain percentage, make a one-time annual gift, or give as they are able. Although giving levels vary in the congregation, what is important is that all of us are asked to make a gift that reflects our commitment to living an abundant and generous life.

Faith is a journey we make together, not a solo expedition. The annual giving campaign is a time to set aside to reflect on God's generous blessings, and our faithful response in giving our time, talent, and treasure generously.

Enclosed you will find a 2017 pledge commitment card. During the next six weeks, I invite you to prayerfully consider how you might live life more generously. If you are not sure where to start in considering your pledge commitment, you may want to consider how your standard of living lines up with your standard of giving. Think about the impact this community of faith has on your life and the wider community. Pray about God's generosity in your life and then make a pledge that reflects that generosity.

I am personally grateful for the wonderful and generous companions on this journey.

Faithfully,

The Very Rev Anthony R Pompa

They rise in the darkness
as a light for the upright;
they are gracious,
merciful, and righteous.
It is well with those who
deal generously and lend,
who conduct their affairs
with justice.
For the righteous will
never be moved;
they will be remembered
forever.

PSALM 112:4-6 (NRSV)