

Joyful Giving at

 **ST. JOHN'S NORWAY**
ANGELICAN CHURCH IN THE BEACHES

A Call to Stewardship



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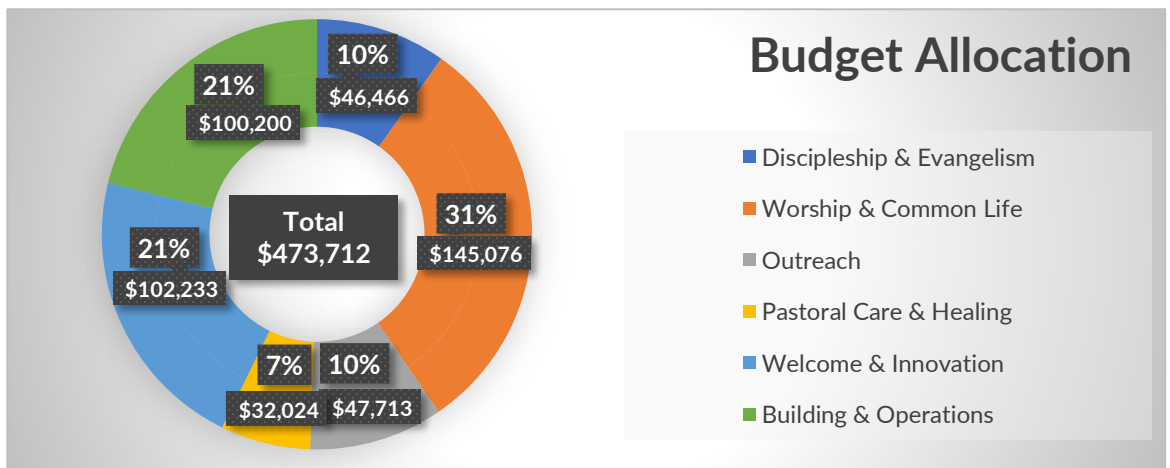
"For your heart will always be where your riches are"
(Luke 12 :34)

Our understanding of stewardship as a way of life is based in scripture. The first chapter of Genesis tells us that God created all things and created us to be the stewards of all creation. Being good stewards involves protecting our environment, as well as being concerned about the welfare of our fellow human beings. As stewards, we recognise that everything we have is a gift from God. We are responsible to tend our gifts, to nurture them and then to share their abundance with all.

The practice of stewardship manifests itself in our daily lives through the Baptismal Covenant. In the Rite of Baptism, we profess our faith and reply affirmatively to the following statements:

- Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
- Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
- Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?
- Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?
- Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
- Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

Stewardship is an expression of faith. It is not simply the church's way of raising money; rather, it is a spiritual discipline that encompasses our very being as Christians. It is a radical departure from our secular understanding of charity where we give to an external need. Instead, as stewards, we are motivated to give because it is something we internally need to do; it is intrinsic to our very understanding of what it means to be fully human. Giving is not predicated on a certain act, nor is it something we do just because it is convenient. Our vocation as a Christian is that we give freely and in great generosity *"for God loves a cheerful giver (2 Corinthians 9:7)."* Recognizing that God gave us everything we have in trust, we, in turn, share the gifts that we have been given.





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STRATEGIC PLAN

2026 - 2030

MISSION

At St. John's we are called to be:

A beloved community of radical welcome, transformed by the love of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and marked by joy, building up the body of Christ and serving God's people in and outside our doors.

GUIDING SCRIPTURE

He himself granted that some are apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ...speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

(Ephesians 4:11-13, 15-16)

ACHIEVING THE VISION





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