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Casting our nets into deeper water

Dear Parishioner,

In the fifth chapter of Luke verses 4-6, Jesus advises Simon Peter to launch his boat into deep water and let down the nets, which results in catching a "great multitude of fish." With this scripture in mind, the 2024 Annual Commitment Campaign Committee has adopted the theme *Casting Our Nets Into Deep Water*.

Our pledge goal for the 2024 operating budget is \$825,000 which represents approximately 80 percent of the total revenue received from all sources. It is critical that an accurate projection of anticipated revenue is determined in order for the vestry to approve the 2024 operating budget expenditures. Therefore, we ask that all pledge cards be returned by Homecoming Sunday on October 29.

The committee has established an additional commitment campaign category, total pledges received. This year's goal is 198, which represents a 10 percent increase over the average of the past two years. When considering your pledge, please keep in mind that it is an estimate of financial giving to the church in good faith. Your pledge is a statement of intent, not a contract, although we know that you will make every effort to honor it. Many parishioners use the convenience of bank drafts to facilitate their annual pledge. If you have selected this method of payment in the past, we kindly ask that you still complete and return a pledge card for 2024.

The vestry will finalize the church operating budget at its January 2024 retreat. Included in the budget are employee salaries and benefits, support programs for our youth, music program assistance, outreach ministries, and various operating expenses. The budget will be presented in its entirety at the Annual Church Meeting at the end of January.

Please give prayerful consideration of how you can best be a steward of our church's mission, not only financially, but also through the gifts of your time, talents, and spiritual support of others. In *casting our nets into deep water* together, we will strengthen our commitment to *know Christ and make Him known*.

Sincerely,

Bill Myers, Chairman
Jon Carraway
Leigh Cellucci
Jim Clement
Aurelia Monk
Vivian Mott
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