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September 17, 2024

Dear St. Thomas Family:

Did you know that since last year St. Thomas has welcomed 75 new parishioners? Together we have had the opportunity to feel inspired by Sunday worship services each week, listened to hours of beautiful music by sponsoring over 20 concerts welcoming hundreds of people from the community, and served unhoused men through our work with Porchlight. These are just a few of the wonderful experiences St. Thomas provides us, and that we provide to St. Thomas and the wider community.

We accomplished all this at a moment in history when more and more people are wondering if church is relevant to their lives. We're making headway thanks to our shared commitment to celebrating our legacy of faith, community and service, while also investing in the people and programs that will fuel our future.

Our faithful commitment to the current and future needs of our church has led our congregation to launch a joint annual and capital stewardship campaign this fall. As Campaign Co-Chairs, we are pleased to announce our Forward in Faith campaign to generate financial support for a Rector Housing Fund, and our annual budget (our typical stewardship campaign).

But our joint campaign is about much more. It is an opportunity for each of us to more fully realize and live into who we are as God's children, and who we want to be as a faith community.

Our stewardship campaign will culminate this year in early December when each household will be invited to make a two-fold financial pledge: a one-year pledge to support our annual budget, and a three-year financial pledge above and beyond regular offerings for our new Rector Housing Fund.

To support and guide us in this process, our Vestry has engaged consultant Marc Rieke from The Enrichment Group. Marc is a trusted partner who has led successful campaigns in many parishes throughout the Diocese, including our 2010 campaign for the Ebsworth Life Center. Working together with an incredible team of St. Thomas's lay leaders, our aim is to inspire, inform, involve, and invite each of us to commit to campaign service and support.

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There will be many opportunities for you to become involved through Bible study, prayer, small-group meetings, fellowship events, and other activities. We need your help to be successful. Please plan to participate in the campaign activities and give prayerful consideration to helping if you are contacted by a member of the campaign team.

In the next few months, you will be receiving information which will give you the full details of our Forward in Faith campaign. Watch for special publications and announcements.

This is an exciting time to be a part of the St. Thomas family! We look forward to working in partnership with you.

In Christ,

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Campaign Co-Chair

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