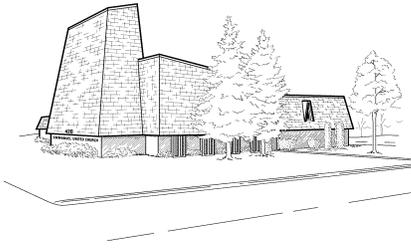


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Dear Members of the Emmanuel United Church family:

Subject: 2017 Stewardship

Once again the time has come to launch our stewardship campaign. This year we have decided to run a 4 week program starting on Thanksgiving Sunday.

Our congregation has worshipped together and worked to live the Gospel for over 55 years. The commitment that we are asking for this morning will help sustain God's ministry here at Emmanuel United Church. In addition to Emmanuel member activities and services we also host the International Community Church and several hundred other Bramptonians who come through our doors every week to access community-based support groups and services.

I would like to point out that in 2016 it cost \$586/ day to run the church and its programs and we brought in \$549/ day, through church offerings, rent, and fundraising. This equates to a deficit of \$37/day. At our current level of offerings we will have a deficit of about \$6000.00 by the end of 2017.

Currently 50% of the congregation is giving a weekly amount of 0-\$10. In order for us to run a balanced budget we would need to increase our weekly giving by \$5.00 a week per family. This would equate to giving up one specialty cup of coffee a week.

I understand that we all can't make it to church every Sunday, but if you could find a way to give regularly, either by going on PAR or by using post-dated cheques, this would help pay the bills. They come in every month regardless of how full the pews are on Sunday.

If you haven't already done so please pick up your new commitment card located in the Narthex and check off the list to indicate you have received it.

I would ask each member family to please fill out a card and drop it on the offering plate over the next couple of weeks. If you are not able to increase your commitment we fully

understand but we still need your card completed and returned. This will allow us to build a more realistic budget for 2018. If you are on PAR in addition to filling out the card you will need to contact Donna in the church office to make any changes to your support.

Before completing the commitment card we encourage you and all members of your family to meditate and to prayerfully consider your own reasons for giving and what Emmanuel United Church means to you. We hope that this will be a rich opportunity to reflect on the blessings of your life and how you can live out your own commitment to God's work in this community.

On Behalf of the Stewardship Committee,

Mario Finoro