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Dear Ones at All Saints,

As I preached to you on October 5<sup>th</sup>, your Stewardship Team has been working hard and has kicked off our 2026 Pledge Drive for All Saints. Our theme this year is *Living in Faith, Growing in Generosity*. If you did not get to hear my sermon, but would like to, you can watch it on the Livestream Archive on the All Saints website or you can go to my blog, [www.bishoprickel.com](http://www.bishoprickel.com) and hit on "sermons" and you can listen to October 5<sup>th</sup>.

In that sermon, I shared what the Stewardship Team vows for this campaign. Those things are as follows:

1. We intend to run it for 7 weeks, and 7 weeks only, starting on October 5<sup>th</sup> and ending on Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>.
2. Our Team will pledge before we send any pledge cards out.
3. We are asking your Vestry and Search Committee to do the same in #2.
4. We plan, during this coming year, to make Stewardship a year round endeavor here at All Saints.
5. On November 23<sup>rd</sup> we will take up and bless all pledge cards received as of that day and we plan to celebrate as well!!!!

Also in that sermon, I shared with all of you that Marti and I are tithers and that giving is not a suggestion of Jesus, but I believe an expectation. We have been tithers for much of our lives. In fact, we now give more than a tithe away. As long as we are with you at All Saints, we will give regularly to the work and mission that you all so diligently pursue in this place. And we give because we believe in all of you, and that mission. Further, we really believe that the community of All Saints is so important that we should want it to grow and prosper so that we can share even more of our many blessings with a world that so desperately needs them. You have heard me say before, God will not love you one bit more or less if you give more, the same, or not a dime. Your salvation is not wrapped up in your giving, but Jesus knew very well that through giving, you will grow, and mature, and be blessed through the giving. In short, it is actually good for your soul! So, we hope you will join us in pledging to this important work and ministry. In the next 6 weeks you will be hearing testimonies, be presented with videos, and hopefully other inspirational materials to help you in your discernment and prayer about what to give. Our team hopes you will seriously consider what you did last year and make every effort to go up a bit, perhaps at least 1% more this year or even more. Marti and I are raising our pledge by 5% for 2026. Can you possibly do the same?

Faithfully,

The Rt. Rev. Gregory H. Rickel  
Clergy/Bishop in Residence

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