



*I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. John 13:34-35, NRS*

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Dear Community of St. Andrew's;

This fall, I'm writing to you not so much as your Senior Warden, but as a fellow congregant who has been leaning on the support and presence of this community.

Most recently, the words "unity, constancy, and peace," have surfaced in my daily prayer. We hear these words prayed during the Eucharistic Prayer where we are called to "serve [God] in unity, constancy, and peace." (BCP, 363)

Unity asks for a common purpose, finding common ground. Constancy is about showing up, even when the task feels unglamorous - it's the discipline of continuing the good, and sometimes hard, work. And then, Peace, that desire to feel settled, to serve without resentment, without letting conflict or ego derail the good works.

Unity, Constancy, and Peace represent Stewardship in that we are asked to not only examine our commitment honestly, but to also envision the sustained, cooperative, and hopeful future that awaits St. Andrew's. As a congregation it is about envisioning what is and can be; how we can be present; what impacts we can make to support our community at St. Andrew's and beyond.

As a congregant I accept that invitation and the responsibility it entails. The answer is clear. I will increase my pledge.

Similarly, I invite you to look at your pledge and to consider an increase to support how St. Andrews serves "in unity, constancy, and peace."

Why? Because, as the writer John O'Donohue reminds,

*"We seldom notice how each day is a holy place where the eucharist of the ordinary happens, transforming our broken fragments into an eternal continuity that keeps us."*

May we challenge ourselves to continue the good work so "the eucharist of the ordinary" continues to flourish at St. Andrew's and beyond.

Peace,

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