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Dear Online Participant,

Every two years, Christ Church Bells Corners invites those participating in and benefiting from parish ministries to make their intentions known for financial support for the work of the parish. The responses to the campaign are critical to enable us to budget responsibly. Financial stewardship ensures that parish ministry continues to be vibrant and that we can do meaningful and relevant work in God's world beyond the parish.

We hope that, as you read this year's stewardship materials, you are reminded of the difference Christ Church Bells Corners makes in the lives of our parish family and those others we serve. We hope, too, that you will make a pledge to your intended givings for 2022 and 2023.

In this campaign, we are prioritizing the following:

- Continued funding for a part-time pastoral care deacon position. Tamara Connors has ably filled this position supplementing the pastoral care Kathryn offers during the time of our Affordable Housing Project. Tamara also leads our Adult Faith Education and assists in our liturgies.
- Setting aside funds to maintain and improve our church buildings,
- Funding new initiatives that have begun or expanded since the onset of the pandemic: e.g. filming, recording and live streaming equipment; licenses required to continue and augment our ability to meet for education, planning and worship; supplies to ensure a safe and protected environment for all attending the parish.

At this time, we also ask that you consider areas where you could give of your time and talent as part of your offering. Our many ministries depend on volunteer support. Some areas where help is needed:

- Worship support (readers, servers, choir, musicians, audio-video team, sides-people, communion assistants and altar guild)
- Facilities (fixing and maintaining items within and around the church)
- Mission and outreach (serve on the team which determines how our mission and outreach budget can best serve the needs of the community and wider world)
- Fundraising (lead or help with one or more of our fundraising activities)

Over the past several years, we have seen a decrease in overall donations to our church, primarily as a result of faithful givers passing away or moving away from the parish. To ensure that we can carry on the ministry of the parish and maintain our church building, we rely on the support of people like you.

Please consider making a pledge in support of the ministry work of Christ Church Bells Corners. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Yours in Christ,

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