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Dear Saints'

I am writing to you as we begin the season of Advent, and we look towards a new year in the life of the church and consider our call to be good stewards of the gifts God has provided.

This past year, I found myself delighted and surprised by the new life God has been providing to us as a congregation. We have had the joy of welcoming so many new people into the Cathedral – both for short seasons as well as new members who have settled into the life of All Saints' Anglican Cathedral. We have celebrated baptisms and we have mourned the loss of beloved members. We have prayed, sung songs of praise, served our community, and created space for the community to gather within the church. I felt a renewed sense of purpose and joy in our gatherings together and it was wonderful to see God at work in so many different ways amongst us. As we look forward to the new year, I am convinced that we are exactly where we should be: in the heart of our beautiful city offering a sacred space of prayer and worship and music and presence and support to all who God places in our paths.

This past year was also not without some frustration, specifically with our building. Unsurprisingly, a structure built in 1955 is showing some wear and tear. We also experienced some acts of vandalism and theft that were disheartening. There were days when it felt like we moved two steps forward and then one step back in caring for our beloved community and cathedral. Ensuring that the back hallway was adequately secured to prevent break-ins was a significant investment in both security features and the practical replacement of the metal door frame. Moving wiring between the church and the Cathedral Close inside the building was another necessary expense to prevent copper wires from being stolen. The brick pilaster in the nave detaching and requiring immediate structural support and repair is another project. Water accumulation on the roof amidst record level rains and the signage being stolen from the front of the church were other unfortunate events. While the vestry and corporation work diligently to be good stewards of financial matters, there were simply significant and unexpected expenses that required our attention this past year.

As we consider the stewardship of the gifts we have been given for the coming year – a life giving and welcoming church within a beautiful cathedral building – I am abundantly aware that we must be aware not just about bricks and mortar but also about the intentional offering of God's love back into our world. I am so thankful that this congregation exists exactly where we are. Over and over again, I am told how welcome people have felt as they have entered this sacred space of All Saints' Cathedral. We have been entrusted a great responsibility to be the Cathedral Congregation of the Diocese of Edmonton in the heart of our city and it is responsibility I feel we are meeting with intention and care.

Each year at this time, we ask each member of the congregation to consider their stewardship commitment for the coming year; how you will plan to support the work of the Cathedral through the gifts God has provided you – in your time, your service, and through your finances. The church is never just a building, and the ministry is never the work of one person. Together, we create space for ourselves and others to know the welcome and the peace of God. At this time, I would ask you to let us know if there is a ministry you would like to become involved in or if there is something you are currently doing that you would like to let go. If you would like to participate in a new area of ministry, please speak with myself or let RJ in the Office know, and we will be glad to discuss those opportunities with you. If you would like to change your financial commitment for the coming year, please contact the Office and we will provide you with the necessary forms. If you are able and would like to consider making an additional financial gift at this time to help cover some of the extra physical expenses that were necessary this past year, the support would be deeply appreciated.

All Saints' Anglican Cathedral is truly a very special place, and I am so thankful to be able to walk alongside this congregation in this time of new growth as well as through the times of stress and questions. Thank you for considering your offering to God through this community, and for being a part of this church.

In Christ



The Very Reverend Alexandra Meek

All Saints' Cathedral Stewardship Pledge 2027

Through prayerful consideration, I (we) pledge the following support towards the ministries of All Saints' Anglican Cathedral for the year 2027:

Total Financial Pledge:_____

Given: ( ) Weekly ( ) Monthly ( ) Quarterly ( ) Annually

Using: ( ) Envelopes ( ) Pre-Authorized Giving (Direct Debit)
Please enclose PAG form with this pledge for new or increased PAG giving.

You can pledge directly on our Canada Helps page:
https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/27080

You can also give by credit online at:
https://allsaintscathedral.ca/give

Pledge of Time and Talents:

I would like to help in the following way/s at services

( ) Reading Scripture ( ) Leading Intercessions ( ) Usher/Serve as Sidesperson

( ) Help Prepare the Altar for Worship (Altar Guild) ( ) Chalice Bearer

( ) Altar Server ( ) Hospitality

I would like to help in the following way/s during the week

( ) Manna Market Setup or Sales on Wednesday ( ) Thursday Breakfast Serving

*If you have other ways in which you would like to serve with your time and talents, please speak with Dean Alex about other possibilities.

Name/Family _____

Signature_____

Mailing Address_____

Phone_____ Email_____