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Stewardship 2010

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**Church of the
Holy Apostles**

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Most gracious God, we give you thanks for every good gift we have received through the bounty of your love. Guide us along the path of giving that binds us together and connects us with you, the Great Giver. Creator and Sustainer of the world, accept our stewardship of time, talent and treasure for the work of your Church, so that in every act of mercy and justice we are acting as conduits of your love. Everything we are, and everything we have comes as a gift from your gracious hand – a gift which continues to renew us.

Teach us again and again that our sharing of that divine gift does not diminish our life in terms of possessions, but instead enhances our life in terms of blessings and grace. Send your Holy Spirit to fill us with a sense of holy generosity, that we, as your Body of Christ, may be a beacon and bring the light of your eternal love in the darkness of a broken world.

In thanksgiving for our life and for the life of Church of the Holy Apostles, we give glory to You, Lord God, the Source of all being, to Jesus Christ, Eternal Word, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever. AMEN.

STEWARDSHIP 2010

The Mission of the Church of the Holy Apostles is: To provide a welcoming community in which all can, with open hearts and open minds, receive God's Grace through worship, fellowship, learning, and outreach to others.

The Church of the Holy Apostles is truly a remarkable parish and has tremendous momentum right now in many important areas. We have great pastoral leadership, a dynamic and energetic congregation with a strong and growing core of young families, and beautiful new facilities. We believe that we have been richly blessed as individuals and as a community by the abundant love God showers upon us through Jesus Christ. So many of the wonderful things we have achieved are due to the countless and unselfish acts of donated time, talent, and treasure.

The essence of Holy Apostles can be experienced through its ministries of Worship, Fellowship, Learning, and Outreach. These key ministries are an outward demonstration of where we came from, who we are, and where we are going. Our intentional participation in these ministries – in both giving to and receiving of – is a faithful response to the many blessings God provides in ways large and small.

We commit to continue to live out the Stewardship Prayer as we respond to Christ's call to be faithful stewards in and outside of our parish community. Please join us in prayerful consideration as we discern our gifts of energy and resources as Holy Apostles continues to grow and serve the parish and the wider community. Our opportunities are exciting and limitless with your support.

STEWARDSHIP FOR HOLY APOSTLES

This year we have provided a “narrative budget” divided into the four ministry priorities emphasized in the mission statement – Worship, Fellowship, Learning, and Outreach. Salaries, building operations, debt service, office supplies, etc. are considered proportionally as a percentage of total expenditure of the cost of each ministry. As the budget is developed given your generous stewardship commitment, these ministry priorities will be funded and in turn each of you benefits from the many offerings and activities.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY APOSTLES MINISTRY NEEDS FOR 2010

Worship

At the heart of our Christian faith and life is the worship of God. In our regular Sunday worship and in special worship activities, we come together to offer God our praise and thanksgiving. Our stewardship makes this possible by supporting the costs of the building, the clergy and music program.

Sunday Worship, Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Holy Week, Palm Sunday Procession, Healing Ministry, Blessing of the Animals, Children's Chapel, Lessons & Carols, Altar Guild, Flower Guild, Acolytes, Bread Bakers, Adult Choir, Boys and Girls Choir, Organ

Fellowship

To be Christian is to be part of a community. Our formal and informal interactions are opportunities to perform acts of love as intended by our Creator. Through fellowship, we are more able to both give and receive of God's grace.

Saints Alive!, St. Columba Parish Retreat, Pancake Supper, Serendipity Suppers, Pastoral Care, Women's and Men's Clubs, Koinonia Dinner Groups, Sewing Guild, Sports and Recreation, Hospitality, Mamas & Papas, Movie Nights, Advent Festival, Nursery

Education

We are formed as a community, more knowledgeable about our faith, and more connected in our lives through Christ. Our offerings to God form us in Christ's giving image and help us to form others.

New Testament Bible Study, Adult Forum, Wednesday Bible Study, Movie Nights, Lenten Series, EYC, Confirmation Class, Book Club, Popcorn Theology, Journey to Adulthood, Mustard Seed, Club 56, Education for Ministry (EfM)

Outreach

We are the living embodiment of Christ as we reach out into the world recognizing the abundance of God's love. Our commitment to ministry extends beyond ourselves offering hope to those seeking it.

Collierville Food Pantry, Habitat for Humanity, Book Drive, Page Robbins Devotionals and Cookouts, Project Package, Collierville Volunteer Garden, Backpack Project, Blood Drive & Wellness Fair, Christmas Outreach at Emmanuel Episcopal Center, More Than a Meal, Collierville Literacy Council, Our Little Roses Ministry, Heifer International, Moriah House, Mission Trips

Our stewardship goal for 2010 – \$500,000

We are asking each of you to help us reach the goal of \$500,000 in pledges for 2010. This amount should allow the Vestry to propose a budget which funds ministry at its current level, responsibly and faithfully. This amount does not expand any ministries, but we believe is an attainable and faithful expectation. Please join the Vestry, the Clergy, the Finance Committee and the Stewardship Committee in responding with generosity and thanksgiving to God for all that we can do in God's name.

If you wish to see a line-item budget for 2009, please contact the Parish Administrator, Holly McDaniel, holly@holypostle.net

PLEDGING

Whether you are a lifelong member or a newcomer, your pledge will fund Holy Apostles' mission and ministries for the coming year. The Biblical norm for giving is a tithe which means one tenth of annual earnings or produce. Many of us are still growing towards a full 10%, but the important idea is to continue to grow. With this goal, we encourage you to consider increasing your percentage giving by at least 1% this year to keep Holy Apostles' ministries growing and flourishing. However, each of us must decide in our own hearts how much to pledge. You will know what amount seems right and good, reflecting a joyous and generous financial participation in the full life and ministry of the people of God.

Although the annual church budget is based on pledged income, your individual pledge can change during the year if your circumstances change. Also, please be assured that the amount any individual pledges remains confidential. Members of the Stewardship Committee, the Vestry and even the clergy are unaware what any one person contributes monetarily.

Please complete your 2010 Stewardship Pledge Card and return it in the enclosed envelope to the Parish Treasurer as quickly as possible, but no later than In-Gathering Sunday – November 8, 2009. This will enable us to form the year's budget before our annual parish meeting in January.

Please give prayerful consideration to how you may be faithful and effective in the stewardship of your time, talents, energy, and monetary gifts to your church.

YEARLY PROPORTIONAL GIVING GUIDE

	1%	2.5%	5%	7.5%	10%
\$25,000	250	625	1,250	1,875	2,500
\$50,000	500	1,250	2,500	3,750	5,000
\$75,000	750	1,875	3,750	5,625	7,500
\$100,000	1,000	2,500	5,000	7,500	10,000
\$150,000	1,500	3,750	7,500	11,250	15,000
\$250,000	2,500	6,250	12,500	18,750	25,000
\$500,000	5,000	12,500	25,000	37,500	50,000

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will also be”.
Matthew 6:21

STEWARDSHIP 2010 COMMITTEE

Stacey and Glenn Hopper, Co-chairs
Pat and Louis Britt
Franny and John Paul Kavin
Carol and Ben Wingfield
Tom McCann, Vestry Liaison

MISSION

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