

October 27, 2024

Dear Beloved Members and Friends of St. Mark's:

As we enter this season of renewal and reflection, we are filled with profound gratitude for the vibrant community we have built together. St. Mark's has shared countless moments of joy and worship, supported one another through a variety of challenges, and continues to grow in faith and fellowship.



Today, I write to invite you to renew your relationship with our cherished community through our Sowing the Seeds of Sanctuary Annual Giving Campaign 2025. Your pledges make possible everything we do—from our uplifting Sunday and Thursday Eucharistic Worship to our welcoming facility that hosts our largest outreach ministry St. Mark's Montessori School and a myriad of other groups and ministries.

Last year, your generosity enabled us to support our staff, offer pastoral care to many in hospital and rehab, aid families in crisis, and welcome many new members into our congregation. As we look to the year ahead, we envision expanding our mission work to the unhoused, strengthening our children's ministry and continuing to be a place of warmth and welcome to those seeking spiritual nurture in a safe space.

Our pledges are a meaningful affirmation of our membership in our St. Mark's faith community and our dedication to our shared mission. Financial pledges, allow us to plan effectively for the coming year and ensure we can continue to serve God and our community with joy and stability. Enclosed you will find your Sowing the Seeds of Sanctuary 2025 Pledge Card and a postage paid return envelope. Please prayerfully consider your pledge for the coming year.

There are at least three ways to participate: either place your completed 2025 Pledge Card in the offering during worship on Pledge and Pie Celebration Sunday October 27th when we celebrate the generosity of our community. Place your completed Pledge Card in the mail this week or drop it by the church.

Thank you for being an essential part of our faith community. Together and with our loving commitment, we continue to "build something beautiful for God in our neighborhood."

In God's Generous Love,

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Harrison Higgins
Member of Stewardship Ministry

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Fr. Christopher McLaren
Rector, St. Mark's Episcopal Church