



Dear Members and Friends of KCC,

It is that time of year again when we at KCC kick off our 2017 Stewardship Campaign. And this year's theme could not be more timely or important: ***"The Way of Jesus: the journey to generosity."***

Our stewardship theme this year is a powerful reminder to be genuine followers of Christ. It is a call to a life, to be more like the image of Jesus, so that our faith may be recognized by our actions toward others.

At one level, we could infer that to walk in "The Way" is to be mindful of how our gifts may be used to bless the poor, the widow and orphan, the peace-makers.

It is a call to be kind, compassionate, generous, and concerned for others in need. Give of yourself. Give financially. Make a difference. These are things I know we strive to enact in our own lives.

But it is more than that, as well. It is a commitment not to just a set of particular actions or behaviors, but a dedication to a way of being. It is about a response to God's love and grace at work in us as individuals and as a community as a whole. This understanding is about being agents of transformation - it's about us being the fruit of the Kingdom of God bearing out all around us. It is about being good stewards of the whole creation.

The world is hurting. Families and communities need help. And we are called to follow Christ along his way not just to share in moments of grace, but to be agents of grace.

Our financial stewardship is one way we live out being agents of grace in the name of Christ and bear the fruit of bringing healing and wholeness. Our generosity funds our mission and ministry - we are investing in the children and youth of our church, we are deploying volunteers to serve the homeless

and refugees both near and afar, we are investing in the gifts and graces of those who lead us in beautiful and inspiring worship. We are advocating for those our society has deemed less than and pushed to the shadows.

I ask you to use this time between the start and culmination of our **“The Way of Jesus: a journey to generosity”** campaign as a preparation for determining our investment in the ministry and mission of Kensington Community Church. Stewardship Sunday will be a part of worship on Sunday, November 19, and I hope you will mark your calendars to be with us that day, not simply to offer your estimate of giving card, but join us for our always fun and delicious Spud Bowl celebration.

God has done, and continues to do remarkable things through and with us – things that matter! Your prayers and your participation are keys to helping us get to the next level of being agents of grace in the world.

One of my favorite songs is a tune by John Bell of the Iona community in Scotland. It is called, “The Summons.” The lyrics remind us that we are called to follow Jesus along his path – not because it is easy, but because it is blessed and to walk it is to walk into a better tomorrow.

We desire such a tomorrow here at KCC. Our giving today is one step closer to it.

I look forward to considering with you what it means for us to walk **“The Way of Jesus: the journey to generosity.”**

Peace. Love. Understanding.

Pastor Darryl