

To the People of St. Paul's:

It is my pleasure to let you know that the 2019 Wedding at Cana, held at Saint Paul's on May 17, was a great success, and a lot of fun. This was our 11th annual "Wine into Water" fundraiser for Episcopal Relief & Development. Thank you to all who attended, and also to those who could not attend but still made an offering of financial support or prayers.

Together **this year's "Cana" raised \$10,000 for the Clean Water Fund of Episcopal Relief & Development.** This means that you have funded not only water points (wells), but also facilities and community education for hand-washing and other important, integrated aspects of our Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WaSH) programs. This is in keeping with the Asset-Based Community Development model that Episcopal Relief & Development has adopted to holistically discover, learn from, and activate the God-given gifts in the communities we serve.

You should know that as a lean organization, Episcopal Relief & Development maintains a <10% overhead budget for administration and promotion. This means that over 90% of all donations, including those from the Wedding at Cana, go directly to the field.

In addition, because our donation once again fell during a Spring Matching Window, the 2019 Wedding at Cana will generate an additional \$10,000 in matching funds to the organization. This means that **the total funds to the organization generated by our 2019 "Cana" will be \$20,000!** This is fantastic news!

Our 2019 donation results in an 11 year aggregate giving by St Pauls of \$65,000. With matching funds of \$25,000 over the past two years, the combined total to the organization, over the life of our Wedding at Cana event so far, has been \$90,000.

It is truly a pleasure and an honor to be part of a congregation that so generously supports our work. Please know that our leadership has taken note of your abundant giving, and is also deeply appreciative. (That's formal-speak for "Y'all make me look real good!").

I am, as ever, tremendously thankful for your financial and prayerful support of our sacramental mission.

Peace, Paul

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