



As we consider how the *Forward in Faith* Campaign will prepare Emanuel's to continue our ministry for the next 150 years.

Please remember our all-congregation *Forward in Faith* Event this afternoon:

Today

Immediately Following Worship

Fellowship Hall

Join us for for a wonderful catered meal, fellowship, and short presentation on the campaign. No commitments will be made at the event.

All are welcome, even if you have not RSVP'd



"Aging technology and an inability to find replacement parts often impacts the efforts of the dynamic group of volunteers known as the Property Stewards to repair, maintain or improve properties of the Church and Day School. They understand the value and necessity of the church renovation project(s) and have committed to being fully involved in the construction process in an effort to reduce construction costs." – Karen Weinstein

It is our responsibility to equip God's people, to do God's work, and to build up the church, the body of Christ - Ephesians 4:12-13



STEP 5: DECIDE TO GIVE SACRIFICIALLY

Little was ever accomplished without sacrifice. This is true in our homes, our work, our church, our country. Sacrifice is a necessary component of successful living.

And so it is with the Christian life and faith. Our salvation cost God the cross. Bonhoeffer rightly said there is no cheap grace.

Much of church giving is only token giving, averaging about two percent of income. No wonder there is so little joy or satisfaction in it! It requires no sacrifice! We have given only what we could easily afford, what we would not really miss.

Experience has shown that giving, to be meaningful and joyful, has to be sacrificial! Each will have to determine what amount or percentage is sacrificial for his or her circumstances. But experience again suggests that for most people sacrificial giving begins at five percent of income with proportions under five percent falling into the token giving category.

Church interest is often low, studies have shown, because investment is low. There is no sacrifice. It doesn't really cost anything. Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there will be your heart also." (Luke 12:34) Where is my treasure? Where is my heart?