



METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH NORTHERN VIRGINIA
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**A spiritual community for ALL people.
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Dear Friends:

I write this during my time away dealing with a lot of stressful personal matters in my hometown. I miss you all terribly and can hardly wait to return to you.

Sometimes, in life, we take so many of our blessings for granted. This time away from you has been a life lesson in doing this very thing. You see, I'm guilty of taking MCC NoVA for granted. When home, it's just a drive away. I can socialize with you. I attend church. I love serving the ministries of the church, being there for you in times of need and helping out when and where possible.

This journey in the wilderness of being in an area where my family wishes I didn't exist and where there is no spiritual community composed of people like me, well it's very lonely and depressing. Thankfully, I'm able to pick up the phone and call Rev. Emma and she is so good at providing the extra UMPH that I need sometimes to stay encouraged and realize that this sojourn will be over soon.

I don't mean to write this to be about me, it's just an example of how important I feel my church and church family are. Sometimes I've taken it for granted, but in situations like I currently face, I've learned how critical my church is to my overall well-being, up close and personal.

I've been reflecting on the real importance of participating in the Stewardship Campaign. I've been praying about what I can do to help my church in the coming year. My experiences have taught me to give whatever I can to support its ministries. After all, our members and friends are the only source of income the church has – it is not a commercial enterprise or has a revenue stream of its own. It depends on people like us who have been touched and encouraged through its ministries.

Won't you please take a moment to think about what you can do to help us? Every little bit helps. You can pledge something to give throughout the year or give a large gift or whatever works for your budget. So far we have come through the storm of the pandemic, where lots of churches have failed. God continues to bring new people in our midst. Our attendance is rising and we want to do so much. Please ask God what you can do to offer support.

Please don't be guilty of taking it for granted. Ours is the "Little Church that Could – and does!"

Be Well,

FRANK D. VANCE, JR.
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