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Dear Grace-Trinity Family,

As we move forward into our stewardship season through October 26th, I'm reflecting on the elements of our life together that are great gifts to me.

Often what moves us in spiritual community are impossible to measure. They are the intangible gifts: the sense of belonging, the awe we feel when we take in beautiful music and liturgy, the sacred moments that remind us that we have been loved before the foundation of the world.

It is also encouraging to see tangible signs of growth that we *can* measure! We have the gift of a dedicated staff and a beautiful building in the middle of Uptown that facilitates connection and intimacy. Our average worship attendance has grown by 19% compared to this time last year, and we are on track to welcome over 20 new members. We have increased our service opportunities with Joyce Food Shelf, PERIS Housing, and YouthLink.

Our annual stewardship campaign matters so much because your giving sustains our ministry from year to year, ensuring that all those tangible things keep thriving to support the intangible. I am inviting you to support our community in a very tangible way by *making an annual pledge to Stewardship 2026*.

### What's Ahead of Us in 2026

We have many things to celebrate, and much to look forward to in 2026 and beyond. We will continue to make meaningful progress by undertaking these initiatives with your help:

- Sustaining Our Ministry: We will continue to invest in our staff and caring for our historic building so ministry can flourish day to day.
- *Gathering and Growing:* We will eliminate our debt, invest in housing and hunger partnerships, and support a new Community Engagement role to strengthen our shared future.
- *Engaging Our Neighborhood:* We will deepen our engagement in Uptown by sharing our space, growing partnerships, and cultivating belonging beyond our walls.



This year, we are holding the Stewardship 2026 campaign alongside our Gathering and Growing capital campaign! Stewardship happens every year by supporting our annual operating budget, while Gathering and Growing is a time-limited campaign with specific objectives and goals. See the "More Details" page for more information and the distinction between the two campaigns.

We ask you to prayerfully consider a financial gift to Grace-Trinity for 2026. These pledges are instrumental in helping us to set our 2026 budget. We appreciate every gift! Enclosed you will a double-sided pledge card and other resources to help you discern what amount is right for you.

We are also asking you to prayerfully consider a 3.5% increase to your stewardship pledge from last year to help us adjust our budget in response to inflation and other costs. You can bring your completed card to church on October 26th, mail it to the office in the enclosed envelope, or fill out your pledge commitment by visiting gracetrinitychurch.org/stewardship2026. If you have any questions, please email us at office@gracetrinitychurch.org

Friends, Grace-Trinity is in a season of real momentum; we are growing in numbers and in impact, and just as importantly, in spirit. The tangible signs of health encourage us and the intangible blessings give us life. We do not take your generosity for granted, and are excited to invite you to into what giving looks like for you in this season. Thank you for being a vital part of this community and helping us continue to make a difference in Uptown!

Gratefully,

Pastor Zac

#### **More Details**

## What's the difference between Stewardship 2026 and Gathering and Growing Capital Campaign?

*Stewardship* 2026 will sustain our day-to-day ministry—caring for our building, supporting staff, and nurturing worship, community, and service. Stewardship happens every year to support our annual operating budget.

*Gathering and Growing* is a time-limited campaign focused on our long-term future: retiring debt and expanding community engagement.

If you plan to give to both, we invite you to begin with a Stewardship 2026 pledge and, as you are able, make an additional gift to Gathering and Growing to strengthen our shared future.

#### How do I make a pledge?

You will find a double-sided pledge card and an envelope provided. One side of the pledge card is for a Stewardship 2026 pledge which supports the annual budget. You can give weekly, monthly or annually through check, cash, electronic giving, or bank transfer. The other is for a Gathering and Growing pledge. There are options for a one-time gift or a three-year pledge commitment.

You can bring your pledge card on Commitment Sunday on October 26<sup>th</sup>, mail it to the office in the provided envelope, or make your pledge(s) online by visiting gracetrinitychurch.org/stewardship2026. Email office@gracetrinitychurch.org If you have any questions.

### Giving Table

Pledge Amount	3.5% Increase	5% Increase	10% Increase
\$500	\$518	\$525	\$550
\$1,000	\$1,035	\$1,050	\$1,100
\$5,000	\$5,175	\$5,250	\$5,500
\$10,000	\$10,350	\$10,500	\$11,000
\$15,000	\$15,525	\$15,750	\$16,500
\$20,000	\$20,700	\$21,000	\$22,000
\$30,000	\$31,050	\$31,500	\$33,000
\$50,000	\$51,750	\$52,500	\$55,000

