

ALL SOULS EPISCOPAL PARISH
2020 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

FREED BY LOVE. FREE TO GIVE.

LORD, YOU NOW HAVE SET YOUR SERVANT FREE
TO GO IN PEACE AS YOU HAVE PROMISED.

— LUKE 2:29

When we come together to pray Compline, we find a guidepost in the witness to generosity found in Simeon's story. A wise, faithful and very elderly man, Simeon had understood from God that he would not die until he saw the Messiah, the one who would bring healing and liberation to his people.

When Mary and Joseph bring their young son to the Temple — a generous act unto itself, offering what is most precious to the community — Simeon is called up short, overwhelmed by the light he experiences in the Christ child.

Incredibly though, Simeon regards this one meeting as enough: enough to set him free in peace, and enough to free us all. His response to the incarnation is to understand God's presence as pure gift, and to resist hoarding the Holy One for himself. Instead he shares this gift widely and generously with all.

GENEROSITY

The story of Simeon invites us to reflect on generosity. As the theme for this pledge season, we ask you to reflect on these questions:

When is a time you have received generosity?

- How did you feel?
- How did that generosity change you?

When is a time you have given generously?

- What moved you to act generously?
- What change did it create for the person you helped?
- How did giving that gift transform you?

This season we will be inviting you to determine how you can support All Souls financially. We ask you to give because we depend on each other to make church happen. We give for and with each other.

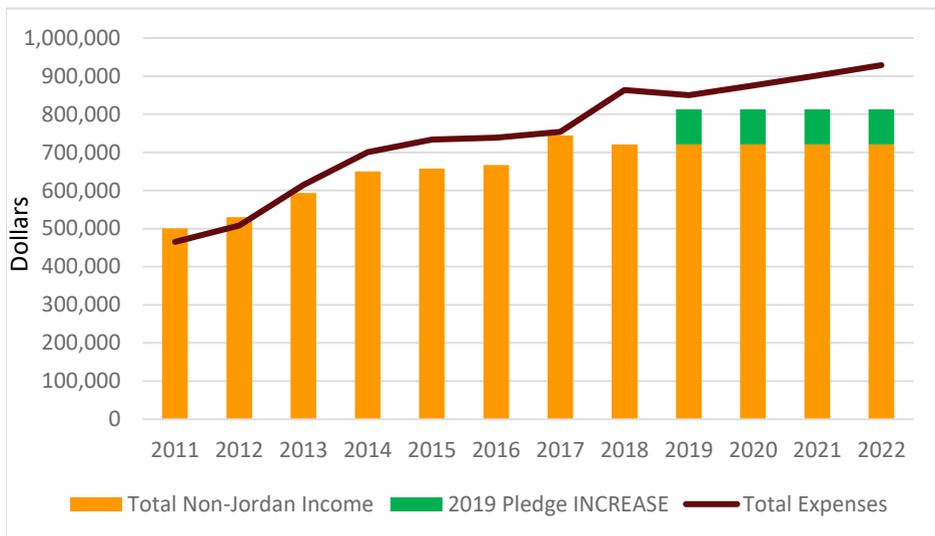
Many will choose to pledge through the intentional discipline of proportional giving. Others will be motivated to support particular ministries funded from the overall budget. However you determine the amount of your pledge, we, together, are the richer and fuller for your gift.

ASPIRING TO A SUSTAINABLE BUDGET

Beginning in 2013 All Souls decided to use the earnings from the Jordan Gift to expand our capacity and support our staff. In the 2019 Stewardship Campaign, we began to talk about the need to move to a sustainable operating budget – one where our current income meets our operating expenses and does not rely on earnings from the Jordan Gift.

In response, last year's pledges increased by 17 percent! Your generosity was amazing and inspiring. This leap allowed All Souls to continue our staffing and ministries and carrying God's word out into our community.

This graph depicts our recent financial history and our projections for the next few years.



We are still drawing on the Jordan earnings, but we are now on a path to a sustainable budget. Thank you!

ALL SOUL'S CULTURE OF FAITHFUL GIVING

All Soulsians have consistently increased their pledges over time. One example is the cohort of 83 people who have pledged since 2013. They have increased their average pledge from \$3,600 to \$4,700 over 7 years. The community has faithfully responded to support the increasing reach of the church's ministries. We do this for and with each other.

THIS YEAR'S GOAL: INCREASING PLEDGE PARTICIPATION

The 2020 Stewardship Campaign is seeking to reach an 85% pledge rate. Last year 75% of the households in the community pledged financial support. We make church together and supporting it together only strengthens our commitment to the community.

THE 2020 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

OCTOBER 6 – All Services, The Rev. Liz Tichenor preaches.



OCTOBER 13 – All Services, Jose Quinonez, lay member of Christ Church, Alameda and 2016 Macarthur Fellow will be guest preacher.



OCTOBER 20 – All Services, The Rev. Phil Brochard preaches.



OCTOBER 27 – All Services, The Rev. Alissa Newton, Vicar of St. Columba's, Kent, WA will be guest preacher.



2020 pledge cards presented at the altar.

OCTOBER 27 – Celebration Sunday. 5:30 – 7:30. All-parish pot-luck dinner. Vestry members will bring main dishes.

After dinner – A Bonanza of delight and wonder.

DECEMBER 13 – End of 2020 Stewardship Campaign