



2009 Christmas Offering

For many of us the thought of stewardship can be burdensome, especially around Christmas time. On the other hand, my experience in corporate finance and on my church's finance committee tells me that stewardship is vital in order to support the ministry and mission of the Region. To do so means to provide education to congregations about stewardship, strengthen current funding streams while developing new ones, and increase the congregational commitment to the Region's ministries. Furthermore, stewardship allows the Region to come together by allowing people to reach out to others within the Pacific Northwest and even across the world.

There is also a spiritual aspect of giving. Everything the church does, even the administrative functions and giving, is a form of worship. I have recently become unemployed, and the thought of having little money is a real fear that I live with everyday. However, I have had to put my faith in God, trusting that I am doing God's work. In doing so, I have been brought much closer to God and my church community; allowing me to carry out what I believe my new ministry is. Giving is much more than just providing monetary funds to the church. It allows a place for everyone to use their own spiritual gifts in order to carry out their ministry to the world.

I have had the privilege of working with many inspiring people in the Region while on the Mission Transition Team. I ultimately chose to be on the Stewardship Task Force, reporting to the Transition Team because they value the spiritual aspect of stewardship. It is an exciting time for the Region. There are challenging moments in any transition, but I truly believe that tapping in to our spiritual gifts, such as giving, will allow the Region to have a greater impact than anyone can currently imagine.

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