

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL

STEWARDSHIP SERIES JUNE 2024



BUILDING OUR FUTURE AT ST. JAMES

A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN
THE VERY REV'D DR. STEPHEN HANCE



Dear Friends,

I am delighted to share these materials with you as we focus on the topic of Stewardship this month. Did you know that Jesus spoke about money and wealth more than any other topic? That tells us something about its importance. I plan to preach the first four Sundays in June under the titles:

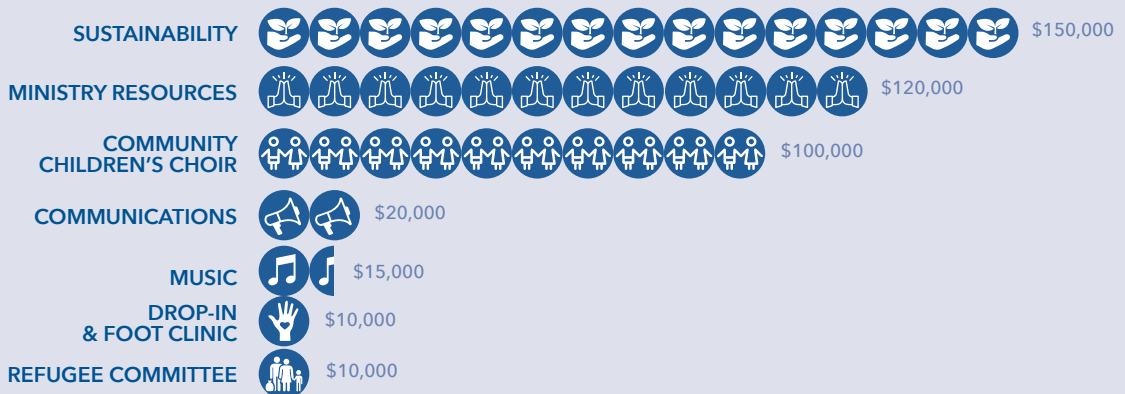
1. Disciples
2. Vision
3. Legacy
4. Cheerfulness

drawing mainly on some of St. Paul's teachings in 2 Corinthians. Our aim is not to make anyone feel pressured or guilty but to refresh our remembrance of God's generosity to us and to respond in gratitude.

This is an exciting time here at St. James Cathedral. We are seeing new people and new opportunities and there is a sense of momentum, of possibility. Finances may be tight, but this is not a time to retrench, rather to move forward.

We have set a target of \$425,000 in new giving for this year, with the hope that at least \$390,000 would continue into future years. If we raise that amount, this is how it would be spent.

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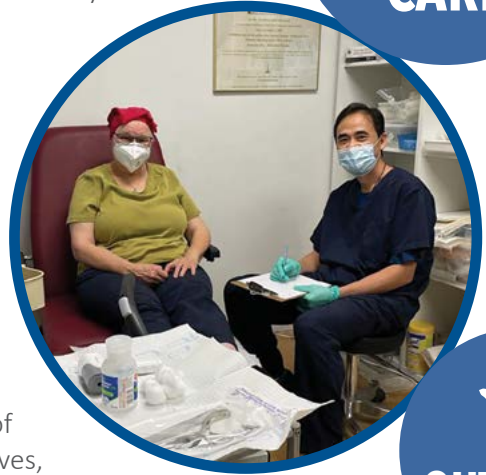


EXTENDING OUR OUTREACH: \$140,000

- Creating a Community Children’s Choir to engage young people with the gift of music: \$100,000;
- Supporting our Friday Drop-In and its Foot Clinic: \$10,000;
- Refugee Committee – supporting a newly-arrived family for approximately six months: \$10,000;
- Building a new website and reviewing our communications so that members of our neighbourhood and congregation know what we offer: \$20,000.

BUILDING OUR MINISTRY RESOURCES: \$120,000

- Adding clergy hours to develop programmes for discipleship and pastoral care;
- Adding admin staff hours to support the work of the clergy team, particularly in outreach initiatives, and strengthen forward planning.



REMEMBERING GOD’S GENEROSITY... RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE...



ENHANCING OUR MUSIC: \$15,000

- Funding immediate and necessary repairs to the organ to ensure performance until a larger refurbishment in the future.

ENABLING OUR MINISTRY: \$150,000

- Building the margin we need to run the ministries of the Cathedral in a sustainable way, while creating capacity to respond to new opportunities as they emerge.





WHAT DIFFERENCE COULD YOUR PERSONAL STEWARDSHIP MAKE?

1. A one-time gift of \$20,000 would pay for a review of our communications and a new website, helping us to get our message out into the community and to promote our activities more effectively. Ten gifts of \$2,000 would achieve the same.



SOCIAL JUSTICE

WHATEVER YOUR SITUATION, WE INVITE YOU TO THINK, PRAY, AND TAKE ANOTHER STEP.



2. A one-time gift of \$7,500 would get us halfway to urgently-needed repairs for our organ, helping to secure the future of the instrument and our beautiful music. Twenty gifts of \$750 would pay for all those immediate repairs.

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3. Ten gifts of \$10,000 would pay for the first year of the Community Children's Choir. Fifty monthly gifts of \$167 would sustain it indefinitely.
4. Two hundred monthly gifts of \$75 would stabilize and secure our financial position, getting us closer to a balanced budget, and so making it possible for us to confidently plan new things for the future.

5. Ten people giving \$1,000 per month would allow us to improve our pastoral care and office support by strengthening the staff team.



MUSIC



SUSTAINABILITY

The Christian church has historically taught the spiritual discipline of tithing – 10% of income received given to the Church (before or after tax). If your income is \$50,000 that would suggest a monthly tithe of \$417. If that felt like a stretch you might begin at 5% – \$208 per month – and aim for 10% in a year or two. If your income is \$200,000 a tithe would be \$1,667 per month – but then you might feel you could do more than tithe. So, for example, a tithe and a half (15%) would be about \$2,500 each month.

Whatever your situation, we invite you to *think, pray, and take another step.*

For example:

- If you presently don't give at all, maybe try a weekly commitment equivalent to one hour's worth of your work.
- If you presently give just a few dollars per week, perhaps you could aim for 5% of your income.
- If you presently give when you come to church, perhaps you could set up a regular electronic transfer so we can count on your gift and also make giving simpler for you.
- If you already give 5%, you might aim to tithe 10% of your income.
- If your income is less predictable or your investments have done well, you might consider a one-time donation (for example, a gift of securities), perhaps alongside a smaller monthly commitment.
- Whatever you give, we ask you to give it without restrictions so it can be used where it is most needed. This info sheet gives the key priorities that we will spend your generous gifts on.

ANNUAL INCOME	ANNUAL GIVING PERCENTAGE		
	3%	5%	10%
\$20,000	\$600	\$1,000	\$2,000
\$50,000	\$1,500	\$2,500	\$5,000
\$75,000	\$2,250	\$3,750	\$7,500
\$100,000	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$10,000
\$125,000	\$3,750	\$6,250	\$12,500

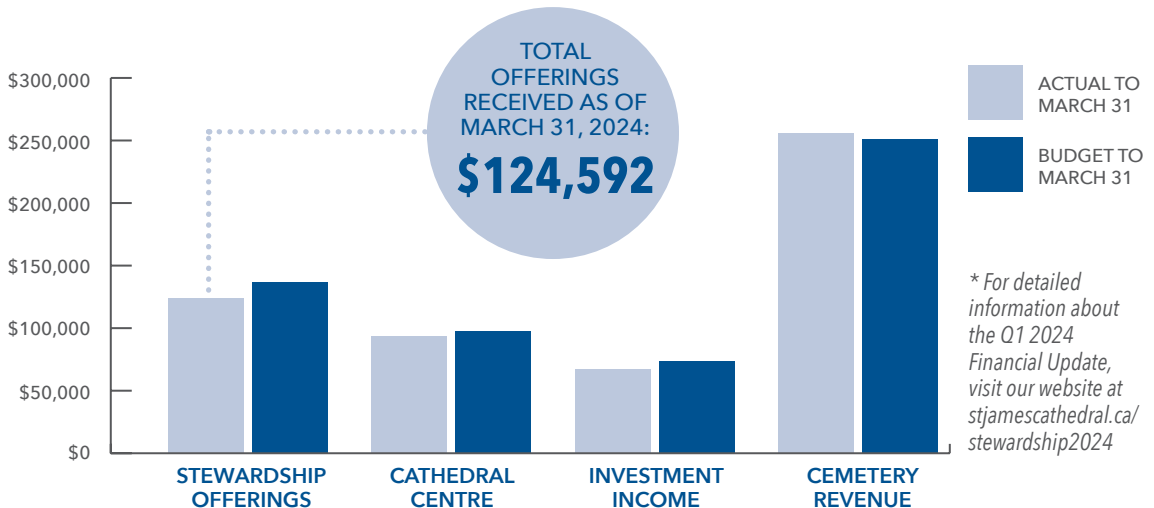
I ask you to make your commitment, not just because the work of the Cathedral needs it, but because God calls each of us to be generous in the light of what he has given us. My commitment to you is to spend what you give wisely, to use it for the mission of the Church, and to keep you informed.

If you would like to think more about these things, I invite you to join me at Scripture Circle (11:00am-12:00pm, in person) or a Zoom group (6:30pm-7:30pm) on Wednesdays in June (June 5, 12, 19 & 26) to reflect together.



The Very Rev'd Dr. Stephen Hance
Rector of St. James Cathedral & Dean of Toronto

FIRST QUARTER (JANUARY 1 - MARCH 31) 2024 REVENUE CHART



HOW TO GIVE

1. Decide how to fulfill your commitment.
 - Continue with Pre-Authorized Giving
 - Convert to Pre-Authorized Giving
 - Continue to use Weekly Offering Envelopes
 - One-time annual gift (online, cheque, credit card, e-transfer or transfer of securities).
2. Complete the 2024 Giving Card.
3. Bring your completed Giving Card to church and place it on the offertory plate in the envelope provided, or mail it to "St. James Cathedral, 65 Church Street, Toronto, Ontario, M5C 2E9."
4. Legacy Gift: Substantial gifts can be made without an immediate outlay of cash/assets, thereby protecting your immediate financial security. You may make a gift during your lifetime or in your will. Contact Susan So at sso@stjamescathedral.ca or 416-364-7865 ext. *225.



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