



Episcopal Church of the Resurrection

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Dear Church of the Resurrection parishioner:

I am writing to ask you to renew your financial pledge to Resurrection for 2019 (or to make one). If you can, I ask that you raise your pledge a little bit. Why? So that Resurrection will continue to thrive as we carry out our bold vision of providing 113 units of affordable housing while we build a new church building and:

- Feed another 8,212 of our food-insecure neighbors,
- Learn about the God who gives purpose to our lives,
- Teach children the Godly Play of love.

We need your support in person by your presence and via your fulfilled financial pledge to be able to continue to be a witness to our church, our city, and our world that we can accomplish important missions when we work together to do the very things God has given us life to do.

I have been a part of many churches. While I found something to value in each, a few had a high number of people (sometimes me!) who wanted a vibrant faith at low cost, low commitment, and high comfort. Church of the Resurrection is not that kind of church. We prayed for a mission and God has given us one. He told us to “live our name,” to “demonstrate our name, Resurrection, by radically giving ourselves away.” In this way, we have been given new life, just as scripture promises.

What I see here are people who get up over and over again, even when they are physically hurting or crammed for time, to learn about and share God’s love. Our desire is to be able to look back on our life, whenever it nears its end here on Earth, with a sense of satisfaction, completion, and joy. Not “ho hum,” but thanksgiving for the great gift and adventure that is life.

You who have been here at Resurrection for more than a day or two have invested your whole lives in this community, in doing God’s work in and through Church of the Resurrection. Now we are preparing to “leave home,” not in onesies to go our separate ways, but to leave together as a community to go to that new place God has so miraculously provided. I trust and pray that you each will find our time together “into the world” a place of great reward, an adventure that will give you joy anew as we work together to continue to be a vibrant community committed to helping other people as we have been all 54 years of our existence.

You who are new to Church of the Resurrection, you have chosen wisely. We are glad you are here.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

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Rector