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# 2023 Annual Giving Appeal

Dear Friends,

Autumn is a time of gathering: crops are harvested, school communities reconvene after a summer hiatus, and families come together to celebrate holidays and renew bonds amid cherished seasonal traditions. We are mindful of the abundance that is part of these gatherings: food, fellowship, love, and blessings that come in myriad forms top our lists. Faith communities also have gathering rituals in the fall with the resumption of programs and activities, and we are aware of the abundance.

This year's Annual Giving theme, *An Audacious Spirit of Abundance*, strikes a tone of boldness. We know that we have been blessed as individuals, and as a community, to have the means to support the mission we seek to live out as a faith community. At St. Peter's we look to share our abundance with others: we provide for members of our community in need—from drives for school supplies and undergarments, to our annual Thanksgiving meal for South Windsor seniors. We also mark milestones like baptisms and graduations, while honoring our spiritual journey with liturgical celebrations. These examples are visible signs of God's presence among us that are made possible through financial support for our church.

As we move farther from the restrictions imposed by the COVID pandemic we are rediscovering energy for the mission and ministries we have enjoyed in the past and feel called to express looking forward. In fact, we are discovering that we have energy to do even more! Consistent financial support for St. Peter's has made it possible for us to make an impact in the world around us. We are grateful for that abundance, and we seek to imagine with audacity what more we might be able to do in response to God's call to us.

Financial support has been crucial to the mission of our church, and we invite you to consider making a pledge for 2024 to be part of that support. As we begin this year's Annual Giving Appeal, we hope we can count on you. Included with this mailing is a pledge form for the coming year. We invite you to consider prayerfully being audacious in making this commitment of faith.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss further making a financial pledge to St. Peter's, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Faithfully,

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Stewardship Chair

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