

## Give to receive

"In all of my years of service to my Lord, I have discovered a truth that has never failed and has never been compromised. That truth is that it is beyond the realm of possibilities that one has the ability to out-give God. Even if I give the whole of my worth to Him, He will find a way to give back to me much more than I gave."  
-Charles Spurgeon



The Right Rev. Joel Waweru Mwangi, Anglican Bishop of Nairobi, visits July 14, 2018

"Stewardship, for me, is also about treasuring what we have, and giving back to ensure others may enjoy those same blessings into the future. Stewardship is all about expressing gratitude! It's funny, but giving has made me more grateful." -Kerry Kelly Wade

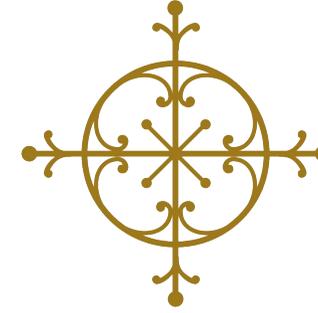
*Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back. Luke 6:38*

## Give to help others

"The raw material of God's work is often provided by people who do not know that is what they are doing. Random kindnesses often multiply like loaves, feeding people in unimagined ways. When we put money in the offering we do not know how it touches lives, but it does." -The Rev. Dr. Francis H. Wade



"Stewardship and Outreach are part and parcel of what makes this parish tick. Stewardship and Outreach are inseparable and interdependent, like two sides of the same coin. Without Outreach, we are simply faith with no action. Without Stewardship, we lack the means to put faith into action." -Jim Snow



"I do not believe one can settle how much we ought to give. I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare." -C.S. Lewis

*All things come of Thee, oh Lord. And of thine own have we given Thee."*  
1 Chronicles 29:14



## Annual Giving Commitment for 2019

In gratitude for God's many blessings, and in support of the mission and ministries of Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill, I/we pledge/intend to give the following sum in 2019:

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

- Please provide me with envelopes.
- I wish to volunteer my time and talent: \_\_\_\_\_
- I have arranged a bequest or other planned gift for the parish.
- Please provide me with information about estate planning for the benefit of the parish.
- I wish my status as a giver to remain anonymous.

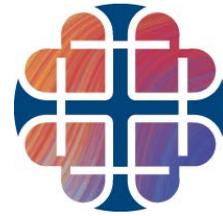


At the very core of Christianity is the foundational belief that all of life is a gift, including all that we are and all that we have, or ever will have. One of the blessings of the Christian faith is the constant reminder and invitation to cultivate a spirit of gratitude. This is a spirit that, in so many ways, runs contrary to the reigning spirit of the age. We live in an age too often characterized by the self-made man or woman relentlessly amassing more wealth for themselves, often with little thought to their neighbors, to the less fortunate, or to society as a whole. Part of the Church's work is reminding us all that we did not create so much that is essential for our lives, beginning with the gift of life itself. I believe this is a healthier, gentler, less taxing way of living on this planet. Imagine how the world would be if more of us operated from a place of genuine gratitude! The doctrine of Christian Stewardship teaches that we are honored by God as free agents, entrusted with so much, and then invited to give back to God's great purposes in the world.

This giving has many benefits, starting right in the heart of the giver. Each time we give something away we are making a little declaration of independence; whatever we give away cannot control us! When we give, our blessings are also brought clearer into focus. Also, in contributing we are taking our rightful place in a community of like-minded souls—in this case, the Church.

Immanuel needs and deserves our whole-hearted support. It is a community made up of seekers and disciples from many walks of life who, together, have found a spiritual home here. This community is always welcoming new people, and regularly saying good-bye as others move away, but the mission of this place goes on—to love and worship God, and to love one another in ways that only God can enable. Our thanksgiving, and the inventory it requires, and our giving (of our time, our talent, and our treasure) are key spiritual aspects of this community and of our individual walks as followers of Jesus Christ.

So, please take some time to name your blessings. And then, prayerfully and intentionally, examine what percentage of those blessings you are giving back. Then make a pledge to Immanuel for the year to come. I am convinced God will honor that effort! -The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr.



# NOW INTO THE WORLD



**IMMANUEL**  
**CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL**  
 Alexandria, Virginia

**2019 Stewardship Campaign**

*Proportional Giving*

Annual Income	Tithe	10%	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	1%
\$15,000	\$1,500	\$1,350	\$1,200	\$1,050	\$900	\$750	\$600	\$450	\$300	\$150	
\$25,000	\$2,500	\$2,250	\$2,000	\$1,750	\$1,500	\$1,250	\$1,000	\$750	\$500	\$250	
\$35,000	\$3,500	\$3,150	\$2,800	\$2,450	\$2,100	\$1,750	\$1,400	\$1,050	\$700	\$350	
\$45,000	\$4,500	\$4,050	\$3,600	\$3,150	\$2,700	\$2,250	\$1,800	\$1,350	\$900	\$450	
\$55,000	\$5,500	\$4,950	\$4,400	\$3,850	\$3,300	\$2,750	\$2,200	\$1,650	\$1,100	\$550	
\$65,000	\$6,500	\$5,850	\$5,200	\$4,550	\$3,900	\$3,250	\$2,600	\$1,950	\$1,300	\$650	
\$75,000	\$7,500	\$6,750	\$6,000	\$5,250	\$4,500	\$3,750	\$3,000	\$2,250	\$1,500	\$750	
\$100,000	\$10,000	\$9,000	\$8,000	\$7,000	\$6,000	\$5,000	\$4,000	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$1,000	
\$125,000	\$12,500	\$11,250	\$10,000	\$8,750	\$7,500	\$6,250	\$5,000	\$3,750	\$2,500	\$1,250	
\$150,000	\$15,000	\$13,500	\$12,000	\$10,500	\$9,000	\$7,500	\$6,000	\$4,500	\$3,000	\$1,500	
\$200,000	\$20,000	\$18,000	\$16,000	\$14,000	\$12,000	\$10,000	\$8,000	\$6,000	\$4,000	\$2,000	
\$250,000	\$25,000	\$22,500	\$20,000	\$17,500	\$15,000	\$12,500	\$10,000	\$7,500	\$5,000	\$2,500	
\$500,000	\$50,000	\$45,000	\$40,000	\$35,000	\$30,000	\$25,000	\$20,000	\$15,000	\$10,000	\$5,000	