



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Stewardship Annual Campaign

Recognition Policy & Procedures

Policy:

In order that we might acknowledge giving as a joyful response to God's generosity to us, St. Paul's Stewardship's Annual Campaign will recognize donors of time, talent and treasure as a means of witness. As stated by the Episcopal Church Foundation, "The goal of recognition programs is to provide givers with an opportunity to express their faith and encourage others."

Procedures:

1. Annual Campaign Chairmen will lead a stewardship education and awareness effort to begin a minimum of three months prior to the beginning of St. Paul's Annual Campaign and continue throughout the campaign.
2. Positive communication about the Recognition Policy will be provided in formats such as: Parish Life, bulletin, website, and verbally at appropriate meetings; and will be included specifically in planning in the Campaign Timeline.
3. Pledge Cards for the Annual Campaign will be designed to gather pledges of time, talent and treasures on the same card, will give notice of a "Thank You" listing to be compiled at the stated conclusion of the campaign, and will provide an option to make anonymous gifts.
4. In order to encourage parishioners to return their Pledge Cards by the end of the Annual Campaign (10/29/06 this year), Annual Campaign Chairmen, with the support of Clergy, Vestry and Stewardship Committee, will announce in communications before and during the campaign that all those that pledge gifts of time, talent and treasures will be thanked in a listing of pledges received by the announced ending date of the campaign.
5. The Director of Stewardship and Planned Giving will compile a single list of all parishioners who have turned in Pledge Cards making a pledge of time, talent and/or treasure at the end of the Annual Campaign in alphabetical order with no designations of type of gift. The list will be published as a "Thank You" to those who have *pledged* in the Parish Life and church bulletin on the publication date closest to Thanksgiving. Every effort will be made to include all donors returning Pledge Cards by these publication deadlines.
6. As has been the practice at St. Paul's in the past, a listing of all those who participate in the life of the church by giving of their time and talent will be published in the Annual Report according to the areas of service reported by the designated committees.