

Report to Vestry 2019 - Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship Committee has completed the following tasks since the 2018 Vestry meeting:

1. Designed and implemented the Our Heritage is Our Future campaign

- Willem Hart and Michael Rowland from the Stewardship Committee, along with the Rector, Andrew Gray and Janet Stewart, have led the development and implementation of the *Our Heritage is Our Future* campaign.
- The other members of the Stewardship Committee have assisted greatly with the implementation of the campaign as canvassers and/or in planning the administration of pledges and donations.
- The campaign work has involved consulting with the parish, Diocese and community, developing a functional program, selecting an architect, developing the master plan concept with the architect, organizing the 125th anniversary and launch event on December 1st at Artscape/Wychwood Barns, designing the campaign, developing campaign materials, recruiting and training canvassers, engaging and inviting the participation of donors, processing pledges and donations and communicating with the parish.

2. Designed and administered the 2019 Operating Fund pledge process

- Pledge letters and forms were developed and distributed to all parishioner households in November.
- The deadline for pledge returns was extended until January 13th due to labour negotiation-related disruptions in mail service.

3. Assisted with web site redesign

Members of the Stewardship Committee assisted with the redesign of the parish's web site led by Julia Armstrong. For the first time, the parish now has a comprehensive Donations section and on-line giving capability on our web site.

4. Assisted with Keela implementation

Some members of the Stewardship Committee provided input to and are serving as members to the parish team working under Rob Kennedy's leadership to implement Keela, a new donations management system.

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We would like to extend our **heartfelt thanks to Marilyn Ramsingh** who is retiring from her role on the Stewardship Committee and as a counter of the weekly offerings. Marilyn has made a tremendous contribution to the parish over the years in these roles and we are indebted to her for her service in support of the parish.

We invite your feedback on our work to date and any suggestions you may have for the future. We thank parishioners for their stewardship and encourage everyone to continue to support St. Thomas's through giving of your time, talents and treasure.

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