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403 E Main Street Durham, NC 27701 919-682-5708 stphilipsdurham.org Dear friends,

"We will, with God's help." These words from our baptismal promises call us to love one another, and to live out our faith: to support each other in our lives in Christ. We do that by showing up, sharing our joys and sorrows, learning and growing together, and doing God's work in the community.

We are called to be more than a people of words. We are a people of action. When we join each other in weekly worship or when we learn together at Wednesday night *Engage!* programs, we're deepening our faith connections. When we support ministries like Daughters of the King and social hour fellowship, or when we attend Sunday adult forums to learn about the good work St. Philippians are doing in the world, we're supporting each other's lives in Christ. When we invest in the long-term stewardship of our historic church, or when we step up as a community to support our children and youth programs, we're nurturing the future of our community.

As you look around St. Philip's, where can you see yourself taking action?

The life of St. Philip's – its worship services, programs and ministries – depends on the support of each one of us. These things need your time and attention, and they need your financial support.

To that end, every fall we hold a pledge drive asking all parishioners to prayerfully consider what financial support they could offer for the next year. The vestry uses these pledges to anticipate income and craft an operating budget. Pledging is one way to stand up and be counted among those of us who say, "We will!"

Please take a moment to reflect on how the St. Philip's community nurtures you, where you see growth, and where you're inspired to act. Then use the enclosed pledge form to offer your gift.

Your pledge directly supports all the good works here at St. Philip's. We are immeasurably grateful to you.

With great gratitude,

The Rev. Maryann D. Younger

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