



Dear friends,

November 17th will be *Taking the Next Step* Sunday for our *Taking the Next Step* annual giving emphasis at Trinity. We urge you to plan now to be in church that day.

This will be a spiritual, inspirational path designed to enrich our understanding of Christian generosity. The focus of this approach is not built on the need of the church to fund a budget, but on the need of each person to contribute proportionately from their resources as a part of his or her own spiritual journey. Sometimes, we have measured too much of our success on whether or not we could underwrite a particular budget. For this year and for years to come, we will measure success by how much the people of Trinity Episcopal are willing to take the next step in their giving. Instead of strictly emphasizing giving to a budget, we are asking each person to consider taking a step up in their giving as their response to all that God has done for them. This approach to financial giving effectively helps people make progress on their spiritual journey.

The process of receiving everyone's financial decision will be somewhat different than from previous years. You are being invited, as people who care about the life and ministry of our church, to plan now to attend worship on *Taking the Next Step* Sunday, 17 November, to make your response. It will be a special time together! We will not be mailing Estimate of Giving Cards in advance of *Taking the Next Step* Sunday. Instead, we will have the cards available in the service that day. Those who are not in attendance will have an opportunity to respond during the two weeks thereafter.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Grace and peace,

Will Green, Chairperson

Taking the Next Step campaign

