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Dear Parishioner,

“Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: he is gracious, and full of compassion and righteous...

He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor; his righteousness endureth for ever...” (Psalm 112, v 4,9)

Psalm 112 speaks eloquently about living generously and defines it as being gracious, merciful and righteous. As we approach the coming of fall and the stewardship season, it is time to reflect on all the gifts we enjoy and how we can live generously. Generosity should touch every aspect of our lives. We are called to be kind to one another and to all living things. We are called to deal with each other honestly and to be humble. Generosity is also a matter of what we do with our money. “Living Generously” will be the theme of the 2017 Stewardship season.

- We have designated the time between Sunday, October 23rd and Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> as “stewardship season.” Several bulletin inserts, written by Episcopal stewardship leaders across the country, will provide reflections on stewardship and living generously.
- You will receive reminders through the Sunday bulletins and weekly email blasts of our stewardship season and how you can commit to it. Our website will have additional materials and reflections.
- Pledge cards will be available in church during this time, or you can make a commitment through the website ([www.christchurchoysterbay.org](http://www.christchurchoysterbay.org)).
- On November 13<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the end of the Commitment Season when pledges will be offered as an act of worship.
- You may bring your pledge cards to the service on Sundays and put them on the offering plate, or you may send them to the parish office.

The richness of our journey depends upon the individual decisions of each of us and on our openness to God's direction. Generosity is a gift from the Holy Spirit. As we seek to lay a fertile foundation in which seeds may be planted to blossom at Christ Church and in the wider world, let us join together to do God's work in this very special place.

Together in Christ.

Three handwritten signatures in blue ink. The first signature is "Peter Colgrove", the second is "Stephanie Augustine", and the third is "Elisabeth Deans Mooney".

Your Stewardship Ministry Team,

Peter Colgrove, Stephanie Augustine, Elisabeth Deans Mooney