

Stewardship Message—Church of the Incarnation
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Bob and I have been members of Incarnation for approximately a year.

When the pandemic began 3 ½ years ago, our local church stopped having worship services. We learned that the Washington National Cathedral was broadcasting services online. We tuned in and were immediately engaged. Since then, we have been attending services at the Cathedral, have become members and have been involved with their ministries.

During that time period, we have also been leaders in the diocesan Commission for Intercultural Ministries and the Commission on the Environment. The focus of these two commissions, to address racism in our communities and to address climate change, is very important to us.

But we missed worshipping with a local Episcopal church family, and started to consider our options. We wanted to be members at a congregation where the worship experience lifts us closer to the Lord and where we are encouraged and supported to engage with the local community to build the Beloved Community and care for creation. We found all three of these at Church of the Incarnation.

At Incarnation, the service format, the sermons, and the music enrich us, inspire us and give us much needed spiritual food. The Becoming Beloved Community Ministry is building bridges with the local Indigenous community. The Green Team has provided a means to encourage efforts to reduce the carbon footprint of the church. Worship and these ministries provide us with the opportunity to live-into our Baptismal vow to love God and love our neighbors as ourselves.

Bob and I feel that the Church of the Incarnation supports us to be God's hands and feet to bring his love to the community around us. And because of that, we want to generously provide financial support to Incarnation.

One of my early memories of stewardship was giving offerings in Sunday school. I felt good placing my change in the plate. Later, I began learning from presentations and sermons the responsibility to be stewards of our church, our spiritual home. We all have this responsibility to be stewards of Incarnation, our spiritual home. Our pledges not only fund the worship services, educational opportunities, and ministries that feed our spirits and care for us, they provide the fuel to enable Incarnation to be a beacon of light to our Community. As Followers of Jesus, we are called to spread this Good News, and by pledging we support our common ministry in God's vineyard. Please join us in pledging what you are able. Thank you. Amen.