



**Trinity-St. Paul's United Church and
Centre for Faith, Justice and the Arts**

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**Season for Commitment
Stewardship as Grateful Giving
2009 for 2010**

2010 Commitment Form

This commitment form invites you to:

- ♦ *reflect with gratitude on all you have been given in your life and on all that you are grateful for at Trinity-St. Paul's;*
- ♦ *consider how you intend to offer your financial resources with gratitude to the ministry of Trinity-St. Paul's United Church and the Mission & Service Fund of the United Church of Canada;*
- ♦ *discern what time and talents you want to use with gratitude to further the ministry of our congregation;*
- ♦ *act by making a concrete commitment.*

When you have completed this commitment form please place it on the offering plate during Sunday worship or mail it to the TSP office at:
427 Bloor St. W., Toronto, ON M5S 1X7.

Thank you!

Financial Resources

For the Fall Appeal:

I/we wish to help reduce the 2009 deficit of \$42,000

by contributing \$_____ enclosed ☐ to follow ☐

My/our current weekly contribution is \$ _____

OR my/our current monthly contribution: \$ _____

For my/our 2010 financial commitment:

I/we intend to make weekly contributions of \$ _____

OR, monthly contributions of \$ _____ beginning in

January 2010 for an annual amount of \$ _____

This financial contribution should be divided as follows:

- Local church expenses \$ _____ (week, month)
- Mission & Service Fund \$ _____ (week, month)

Preferred method of giving:

☐ PAR (Pre-authorized bank withdrawal)

If you are joining this program for the first time, fill out the PAR form provided and enclose with the commitment form.

☐ Offering envelopes

It is understood that this contribution may be changed at any time at my/our discretion.

Name(s):

Resources of Time and Talent

The organizational structure of Trinity-St. Paul's is made up of four circles. Here are some opportunities to use your time and talents in 2009 listed in the ministry areas of the circles.

1. Nurturing Community & Discipleship

Welcome & hospitality:

- ☐ staffing welcome table before and after church
- ☐ greeting at door on Sunday & after church
- ☐ helping with the Welcome Back Lunch
- ☐ helping with meals and special events
- ☐ making coffee and cleaning up after church
- ☐ offering a ride to church

Pastoral care:

- ☐ participating in the Pastoral Care Team
- ☐ helping with the funeral phone tree and receptions
- ☐ visiting or distributing flowers
- ☐ sending cards for special and sad occasions

Helping the congregation develop its stewardship:

- ☐ planning & implementing Season of Commitment
- ☐ helping host or organize fellowship dinners
- ☐ facilitating time and talent

Building inclusive community and honouring our commitments as an affirming congregation:

- ☐ helping with celebrating diversity events
- ☐ participating in the Anti-Racism group

Communication:

- ☐ writing for TSP Times
- ☐ helping to edit and format the TSP Times
- ☐ helping with the TSP website
- ☐ assisting with mailings

2. Worship & Faith Formation

Activities within the congregation to learn about and express our Christian faith:

- ☐ teaching in Children's Church programme
- ☐ working with youth
- ☐ providing nursery care
- ☐ participating in study groups - on what subjects?
- ☐ leading study groups - please suggest the topic

Engage in spiritual reflection and practice:

- ☐ participating in spirituality group
- ☐ participating in prayer group
- ☐ write and offer Sunday prayers of the people

Other Groups:

- ☐ participating in YouthonBloor
- ☐ participating in Subversive Oasis group
- ☐ participating in Young Adults Group

Leadership development and support:

- ☐ acting as a mentor for new members
- ☐ serving on discernment or support committees for candidates for ministry

Creation of Worship:

- ☐ singing in the choir
- ☐ playing a musical instrument
- ☐ reading scripture
- ☐ participating in communion coordinators team
- ☐ serving communion
- ☐ participating in worship planning group
- ☐ decorating the sanctuary
- ☐ arranging flowers

3. Public Witness

Communicating our mission outside the congregation:

- ☐ creating banners for the outside of the church
- ☐ keeping bulletin boards up-to-date

Reaching out to our neighbours:

- ☐ preparing flyers at Christmas and other times
- ☐ distributing flyers
- ☐ meeting with faith partners around arising issues

Advocacy in community & society:

- ☐ participating in aboriginal justice group
- ☐ participating in restorative justice group
- ☐ participating in housing & homelessness advocacy
- ☐ participating in Middle East working group
- ☐ volunteering in hospitality programmes

Community partnerships (arts, social justice)

Education and awareness building:

- ☐ giving leadership in global gossip sessions
- ☐ participating in global gossip sessions

Other ideas for Public Witness:

4. Stewardship of Resources

Congregational finances:

- ☐ taking up the offering
- ☐ counting money
- ☐ helping with the envelopes
- ☐ helping with alternative Christmas giving

Use of building & equipment:

- ☐ gardening
- ☐ computer consulting
- ☐ helping with use of audio-visual equipment
- ☐ painting or repairs
- ☐ maintaining the kitchens
- ☐ helping with greening sacred spaces

Other ideas:

Name: _____

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