



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

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Dear Friends,

Once again we draw together to celebrate all of the things that brought us to Trinity-St. Paul's and those which keep us coming back season after season. We come because of the music, the focus on justice issues, the feeling of community, the sermons, and a variety of other reasons which are personal to us. During the next six weeks, the Season of Commitment gives us all an opportunity to renew our connection to the church in many different ways, whether it is in reading a lesson, preparing the prayers of the people, working with the children or volunteering to be part of an administrative Circle.

It is also the time for us to strengthen our commitment financially, spiritually, and by giving of our talents. Each of us is blessed with time and talents to give to the church as we are able: music, hospitality, caring for others, preparing food, gardening, making repairs, teaching, and administrative tasks. We certainly need those contributions and ask you to indicate your interests on the enclosed Commitment Form.

Again this season we celebrate our life together through Community Fellowship Dinners. We take an opportunity to meet one another and share our thoughts, concerns and questions about the church. It is also a time to reflect on our relationship with God, our connection to the church and to spend a relaxing time with, and get to know, other members of the congregation. This year we are trying to make the Dinners even richer. We suggest that you write up a short bio/intro about yourself and e-mail it before your dinner date to your host. Each host will collate them and send the bios out to their guests to provide some background for deeper conversations. Suggestions for you bio, and some samples can be found on the enclosed page.

We ask you to read the enclosed background materials. They outline the ministry needs of Trinity-St. Paul's United Church in 2010 at home and further afield through the United Church's Mission & Service Fund. We are hoping that pledges will increase again this year by at least 7%, that the Fall Appeal (for this year's budget) will meet its goal of \$42,000, and that you will be a part of this. We trust that you will offer your particular interest, talent or passion to further God's work in existing ministries at Trinity-St. Paul's or in new areas.

Many thanks for your support of our ministry at Trinity-St. Paul's United Church. Without your generosity, our work could not continue with the vibrancy of spirit that we all enjoy so much. Our goal is to complete this year's Season of Commitment on Sunday, November 15th. We encourage you to submit, by then, your completed Commitment Form (with your Fall Appeal cheque, if possible) at the TSP Office or on the offering plate. If you have any questions about this stewardship programme, or any other aspect of our ministry, please feel free to contact one of us, or our ministers Vicki Obedkoff or Hans van Nie.

Thanks for giving!

Carol-Ann Marshall & James Holzbauer, Coordinators
Season for Commitment Campaign