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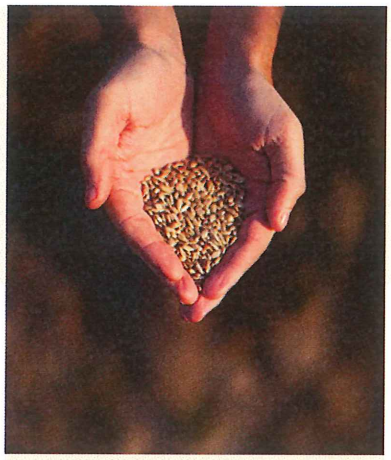

October 30, 2016

Dear Emmanuel Family,

Psalm 112 speaks eloquently about the theme of *Living Generously*. It defines such generous living as being gracious, merciful and righteous. To live in such a way, we are to conduct our lives with justice.

Generous living is much more than what we do with our money. 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. *Living Generously* is a call to action to each of us as followers of Jesus.

We are in the midst of a four-week lay witness sharing that have and will hopefully speak to your heart about our common life at Emmanuel Church, how we are striving to live more generously as we offer our time, talent and treasure.

Our ministries here are empowered through the generosity of all our members. Each week, we are nurtured in word and sacrament. We are called by God to care for those who are ill or hurting, and welcome all those searching for a community of faith.

Emmanuel strives to be a generous community of faith. Some of our members tithe, giving ten percent of their income to the church, while others commit a certain percentage or give as they are able. Although giving levels vary in the congregation, what is important is that all of us are asked to make a gift that reflects our commitment to living an abundant and generous life.

They rise in the darkness
as a light for the upright;
they are gracious,
merciful, and righteous.
It is well with those who
deal generously and lend,
who conduct their affairs
with justice.
For the righteous will
never be moved;
they will be remembered
forever.

PSALM 112:4-6 (NRSV)

Faith is a journey we make together, not a solo expedition. The annual giving campaign is a time to reflect on the practice of intentional giving so that we live into the generous and abundant life God is calling us to live. Jesus said, "I come so that all may have life and have it abundantly." *Living Generously* brings us closer to that abundant life.

Enclosed you will find a 2017 Pledge Certificate, in addition to information we have on your current contribution level. During the next two weeks, I invite you to prayerfully consider how you might live life more generously. Please consider how your *standard of living* lines up with your *standard of giving*. Think about the impact this community of faith has on your life and the wider community. Pray about God's generosity in your life and then make a pledge that reflects that generosity.

By the time you read this letter, we, the leadership of Emmanuel, will have already prayerfully made our commitment for 2017. Please join us!

Faithfully,

The Wardens and Bishop's Committee of Emmanuel

Beth Cronk, Mike Emerson, Lee Carson, Joe Krueger, Gerry Madison, Leilani Madison, Wolf Melbourne, Susan Thornett, Jane Tonokawa

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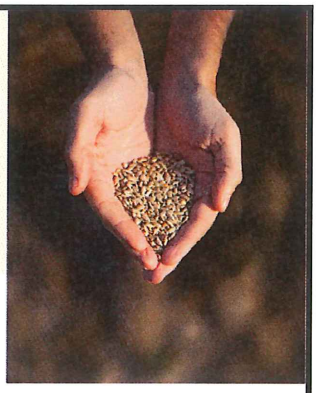

A Financial & Faith Commitment for 2017

2017 Emmanuel Pledge Certificate

Having prayed about my/our annual contributions toward the mission of Emmanuel Church in 2017 and in the context of gratitude for all that God has given to me/our family, please accept this 2017 pledge for the next year (January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017).

$_____ for the year

I/we realize that in the event of a financial problem in 2017, I/we can confidentially adjust our estimate by calling the office or speaking with the Treasurer.

_____ _____

Signature(s) Date

Name(s): _____

I/we will give: ___ weekly __ monthly ___ quarterly __ annually

___ other (please describe)

By: ___ automatic deduction ___ credit/debit card

___ check ___ stock transfer

Check all that apply:

___ I/we are interested in making a separate gift to a specific project for which funds are needed. Please contact me.

___ I/we have remembered Emmanuel, the Diocese, or an Episcopal ministry in my/our estate plan.

___ I/we would like more information about planned giving (estate planning, charitable trusts, making a will, etc.)

"When you get your "Who am I?" question right, all of your "What should I do?" questions tend to take care of themselves." Richard Rohr

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT

You will receive a confirmation of your giving in December 2016. Periodic statements will also be distributed during the year.

Feel free to contact the office at any time for updated pledge information.

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2017 Pledge Awareness Exercise

Your 2016 contributions to 10/23 *(for those who have not pledged)*	$ _____	
Your 2016 annual pledge	$ _____	
Percentage of your 2016 annual income	_____ %	(A)
Increase in percentage for 2017	+_____ %	(B)
Percentage of annual income for 2017	_____ %	(C)=(A)+(B)
Estimate of your annual income for 2017	$ _____	(D)
Your 2017 annual pledge	$ _____	(C)x(D)

Proportional Giving Guide

Giving proportionately means offering a percentage of your income with the goal of the "tithe" – giving 10%. Begin your stewardship journey where you are able, and aim to increase that percentage each year. If giving 10% seems daunting, please consider starting with a pledge of just 2% of your income. And if you are already working toward the goal of giving 10%, we hope you will increase your pledge each year. For an estimate of what your pledge would be, here is a chart showing proportional giving at various income levels and percentages:

Annual Gross Income	2%	4%	6%	8%	10%	12%
$10,000	$200	$400	$600	$800	$1,000	$1,200
$20,000	$400	$800	$1,200	$1,600	$2,000	$2,400
$30,000	$600	$1,200	$1,800	$2,400	$3,000	$3,600
$40,000	$800	$1,600	$2,400	$3,200	$4,000	$4,800
$50,000	$1,000	$2,000	$3,000	$4,000	$5,000	$6,000
$75,000	$1,500	$3,000	$4,500	$6,000	$7,500	$9,000
$100,000	$2,000	$4,000	$6,000	$8,000	$10,000	$12,000
$150,000	$3,000	$6,000	$9,000	$12,000	$15,000	$18,000
$200,000	$4,000	$8,000	$12,000	$16,000	$20,000	$24,000

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New and Renewal

Similar to your own household budgets, Emmanuel relies on a predictable flow of income to support its mission and ministries. Entering into this agreement to have your pledge automatically deducted from your bank account makes it easy to fulfill your financial commitment, even when you are absent from worship services for whatever reason. And you never have to bring a check on Sunday. Giving electronically also reduces the volunteer time it takes to record, process, and deposit paper checks. Thank you for adopting this method.

AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT FOR AUTOMATIC PLEDGE PAYMENTS

I (we) hereby authorize ***Emmanuel Episcopal Church***, to initiate monthly debit entries to my (our) Checking / Savings Account indicated below at the depository financial institution named below, and Emmanuel is authorized to debit the same to such account for the monthly amount noted below. I (we) acknowledge that the origination of ACH transactions to my (our) account must comply with the provisions of U.S. law.

For EXISTING participants only:

Should deductions be made from the same bank account as in 2016?

_____Yes _____No

If NEW signup or CHANGING bank account, please complete this portion

Depository Name_____

Branch_____

City _____

State_____ Zip_____

___ Checking (**Please attach a voided check)**

___ Savings **(Please attach account statement or other verification of account number)**

ALL TO COMPLETE: (Please make sure deduction matches your pledge)

I authorize Emmanuel Episcopal Church to deduct $_____ each month on the business day falling on or after the 21st day of the calendar month.

IMPORTANT NOTE: This authorization is to remain in full force and effect until Emmanuel has received written notification from me (or either of us) of its termination in such time and in such manner as to afford Emmanuel and the financial institution a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

Name(s) on Account_____Date _____
(Please Print)

Signature(s)_____

Any questions? Please contact Jane at djtono@hawaii.rr.com or 223-1376.