St. Anywhere’s Anglican Church
(Sample Stewardship Package/Narrative Budget)

“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s grace.” (Peter 4:10)
Rector’s Message

Stewardship is a response to God’s blessings – it is about our partnership with God in sharing life’s abundant blessings. Many of Jesus’ parables are based on the premise that God’s people are his stewards. Stewards own nothing. Rather, they are trusted servants who manage things for their owner. The owner is God. As faithful servants, we are called upon to manage what God has entrusted to us – our time, our energy, our intellect, our bodies, our skills, our relationships and our financial resources.

This booklet has been prepared to increase awareness and understanding of what St. Anywhere is about – how we are doing God’s work and how we hope to do more to make the world a better place in which to live.

We hope this information helps you to discern what St. Anywhere means to you and how you can best contribute to the life of this precious community. We recognize that we all have different talents, resources, responsibilities and priorities.

After reading this booklet, we are asking you to do four things;

• Review your financial commitment to St. Anywhere from previous years.
• Using our chart, calculate for your information only what the percentage of your giving to our church and other charities represents of your financial wealth
• Consider what financial and time and talent commitments you are willing to make for 2016.
• Fill out the commitment forms and return them to the church, either by mail or on the offering plate, in the next two weeks.

Thank you for giving prayerful consideration of an intentional commitment of yourself and the gifts with which you have been entrusted to the community of St. Anywhere and its ministries.

Yours in Christ’s service,

Priest in Charge
Introduction

St. Anywhere was built in 1868 as a local parish church. It has a congregation of about 220 families and attracts people from beyond our neighbourhood. It desires to be a vital community, welcoming for people of all ages, that actively reaches outward to help those in need both near to home and farther afield in the world.

Since 2007, our annual Vestry has received a narrative budget for approval. This form of budget tells our church’s story, as reflected in this stewardship booklet, and describes the resources needed to deliver each of our ministries. The narrative budget differs from the traditional line item budget, which focuses on expense categories; the latter continues to be used, however, for internal accounting purposes. The monetary amounts in this narrative budget are based on the expenses (and revenues) involved in the delivery of the ministries of our parish.

St. Anywhere focuses on five broadly defined groups of ministries that describe how the work of God is carried out through our parish:

- Worship
- Pastoral Care
- Outreach
- Spiritual Development
- Hospitality

These ministries could not be successful without both the financial and volunteer support of parishioners and this support is recognized in the narrative in this booklet.

And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:8
Worship
(Projected Expenditure: $ 00,000       Volunteer Hours: 0000)

The act of worshipping God together is central to our Anglican Identity and to forging our connections as a community of faith. At St. Anywhere, it is very much a shared activity. Much of the focus in our church is on worship. We value liturgy and seek new opportunities to spread the Good News through worship.

This ministry includes clergy, musicians, lay administrators, servers, altar guild, readers, greeters, sidespersons, intercessors, and all the work that goes into wonderful special services such as Carol services.

The church is our spiritual home and is there for us throughout our lives. It provides us with our sacred space for Sunday worship as well as the meaningful occasions in the life of the community such as baptism, confirmation, marriage and death.

The preservation and maintenance of this historical place of worship is also an important contribution to our worship ministry.
Pastoral Care
(Projected Expenditure: $ 00,000    Volunteer Hours: 0000)

To be a community of faith is to be bound by Jesus’ love commandment. To care for all of God’s creation, we must begin by loving each other, to model Christian love to the community and to the world.

Through the ministry of pastoral care we respond to those who are experiencing life changes, trouble or loss – the sick, the lonely or isolated, the depressed or those who simply need advice.

The Pastoral Care Committee coordinates hospital and home visits and, in cooperation with the Diocese, visits patients at the Ottawa Hospital. Parishioners have been generous in volunteering to drive those in need to important appointments, ministering to the sick, visiting those in prison, and attending immigration hearings. Our priest spends many hours dealing with the pastoral concerns of parishioners and of strangers who come in off the streets.

Prayer is an essential part of our pastoral care ministry, and there are opportunities for parishioners to exercise leadership in this area as well. Our various prayer ministries are exercised individually, in small groups, and during worship, and include prayers for parishioners, the neighbourhood and community, and for God’s world.

“Each of you should use whatever gifts you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.”

(1 Peter 4:10)
Outreach
(Projected Expenditure: $ 00,000        Volunteer Hours: 0000)

Serving God’s world is an essential part of St. Anywhere’s identity and mission. Ours is a vibrant Christian community and a beacon of hope in the community.

Locally, we support the food bank with weekly contributions, the Community Ministries: Centre 454, Cornerstone, Ottawa Pastoral Counselling Centre, St. Luke’s Table and The Well as well as other charities in our community.

Over the years, our parish has been a strong supporter of the Primate’s World Relief and Development Fund, a national Anglican ministry which coordinates emergency relief and development projects in Canada and abroad.

We are also strong supporters of the annual Bales for the North Project.

We continue to seek new ways to serve God’s family.
To be a community of faith is to journey together, to search together, to nourish each other spiritually. At St. Anywhere, we understand that spiritual development is a life-long journey. We recognize that Christian education for all ages is an essential element of this journey.

We welcome children of all backgrounds and ages. Nursery space is provided for the very young. Volunteers nurture children in our Sunday School. Our junior and senior youth groups combine Christian nurture with fun activities. Young adults are invited to discuss their spiritual issues and insights in an informed and supportive setting.

Fall, winter and spring provide opportunities for spiritual development and Christian nurture through a variety of programs, including courses on different types of contemplative practice, multi-week courses based on books, videos or other study guides help us to reflect on Scripture, our tradition and theological questions.

“So that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.”

Colossians 1:10
Hospitality
(Projected Expenditure: $00,000  Volunteer Hours: 0000)

We ensure that everyone finds a welcome at St. Anywhere, whatever their background or history. Volunteers with the Newcomers Committee help newcomers find their niche, where they can share their gifts; for it is only in sharing that everyone finds a home, and it is only in showing hospitality to the stranger that we respond to Jesus’ call.

We invite people into our community by posting our street sermons on our street billboard. Our participation in festivals, concerts and our speakers program invite outsiders into the church. Every Saturday afternoon college students are welcomed into the parish hall to drink a cappuccino, munch a muffin and to meet others in an informal setting.

Liturgically, we express our faith in God’s compassion with our open-table model of fellowship.

All are welcome here.

“Keep on living each other as brothers and sisters. Don’t forget to show hospitality to strangers, for some who have done this have entertained angels without realizing it.”

Hebrews 13:1-2
Questions and Answers

ABOUT THE 2015-16 STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

What is Stewardship?

It is a faithful and effective use of all the gifts entrusted to us by God. It is a way of life, an attitude. Stewardship is our partnership with God as we thankfully share life’s abundant blessings. Stewardship allows us to acknowledge our blessings and live out our ministry – to nurture our faith in Christ and serve the world God loves.

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Why a Stewardship Campaign?

The goal of this campaign is to communicate with all parishioners about our shared ministry at St. Anywhere’s. On a personal level, the campaign asks each of us to examine the investment we currently make in our faith and the life of our church.

How do I indicate my offer of time and talents?

Please review the enclosed list of groups and activities at our parish. Consider how you might best participate in some of these ministries or suggest new activities that would make use of your talents.

From my treasure, is there a particular amount I should give?

This is an individual decision that each person or family makes. All of us need to give thoughtful consideration to our contributions. A proportional giving chart is available to help you decide.
What is the concept of proportional giving?

Our parish has adopted the biblical principle of offering a percentage of our bountiful blessings to God’s work in the world as the central tenet for personal financial stewardship. Proportional giving means we are challenged to give first to God, rather than from whatever amount is left over.

How can I support the Parish when I can’t attend services?

Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) is a form of automatic, monthly electronic payment. If you would like to sign up for PAR, kindly complete the designated section of the pledge form and provide a void cheque from the account you wish debited.

How are we being asked to respond to this Stewardship Campaign?

As a parishioner, you are asked to indicate your intended offering on the enclosed Pledge Sheet and the time and talents you will share by completing the Time and Talent Sheet.

Will my pledge be confidential?

Yes. The amount you pledge and the amount you give are treated confidentially.

What if my personal circumstances change during the year?

You may alter your pledge at any time, as all gifts are voluntary.
2016 BUDGET ALLOCATION
Projected Total: $ 000,000 (2016)
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2016 VOLUNTEER HOURS
Projected Total Hours – 00,000
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