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Think of us in this way: as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries. -1 Corinthians 4:1

Dear Atonement Stewards and Partners in Ministry,

Atonement's stewardship ministries invites you into a time of discernment and commitment to Atonement's 2023 Ministry Financial Plan (MFP) under the theme, "What now, Lord?" This theme and question come from a place of excited anticipation for what the future holds, and we invite you into that future. As we noted in the initial letter, we are grateful you are a part of this community of resilience and strength, and we look to the future together, prayerfully considering what God is calling us to next. "What now, Lord?"

The initial letter also shared a number of important things we know as a community and give thanks for. We invite you to review that letter as part of your discernment. In it, we named Sunday/Wednesday ministries, a yearly tithe to worthy partners from our Ministry Financial Plan as well as a continued tithe on our facility upgrades, and a facility that has daily use by our ministry and other facility users. Each of these allows us to make a difference as we foster connection to God, one another, and the world through these opportunities.

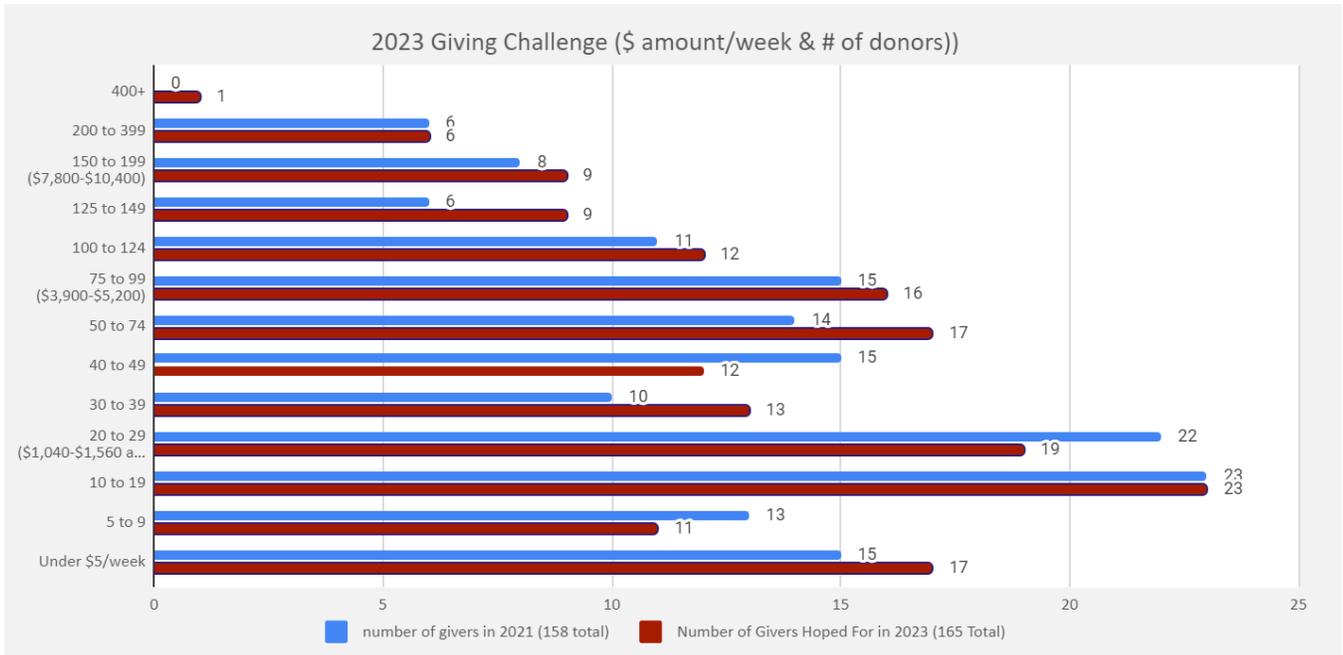
In addition, we are grateful to enter 2023 with strong Council and lay leadership. We also give thanks that we are fully staffed, including having called an associate pastor and having a seminarian begin an internship with us. This leadership partnership allows us to look to the future and ask, "What now, Lord?"

Together, as the connected body of Christ, we have the opportunity to pool our resources to give witness to our faith and to ensure caring, Christian ministry is available for one another and our larger community. This ministry provides myriad opportunities to offer care, hope, and inspiration, all in Jesus' name. It is now more important than ever to continue to share the living, daring confidence in God's grace that we have through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

We prayerfully offer the hope that we can increase our offerings by \$40,000 or more next year, which represents an estimated 8% increase. We believe this can happen as we each (a) reflect on God's generosity and care for us the past year, and (b) thoughtfully consider how we are each called to participate in Atonement's ministry next year. The enclosed statement of intent-to-give card has a chart that outlines how to calculate your gift per week, month, or year.

Below is a chart that shows historical giving by gift range and hoped for numbers in each category to help you see how the community gives together. As you review this chart, please consider these questions:

- How does my giving reflect my gratitude to God for all of the blessings I have received?
- How would my life change if I doubled my giving, and could I make that a reality?
- How much more could I give if I decided to?
- How does my giving compare with other ways I use my money?



A few example opportunities: If you don't give on a regular basis, would you consider making an intent of \$5-10/week? (Help us reach our goal of 95 statements of intent and 165 giving units.) If you currently give \$25/week, would you consider \$30/week? If you give \$200/week, would you consider \$225/week? Your statement of intent will help us plan more effectively to make faithful use of your giving.

Sunday, November 13, is Stewardship Sunday. We invite you to offer your intent-to-give card as part of worship or to return it during the following week. You can return the intent-to-give card included in this letter, or submit your commitment electronically by completing the form at <https://atonementboulder.breezechms.com/form/3e7844473>. More information, including this link, and a form for Simply Giving electronic giving, is available at <http://atonementboulder.org/give>.

We give thanks to God for you and our communal life together. Thank you for your prayers during this stewardship time.

Atonement's Stewardship Ministries