ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL

Sharing Our Joy

October 23, 2013
The Feast of Saint James of Jerusalem

Aloha All Saints' 'Ohana,

An ancient proverb reminds us: "*Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day, but teach a man to fish and he will eat for a lifetime.*" This past year All Saints' was blessed with the opportunity to learn and grow from a period of transition and transformation that will enrich both the present and future generations of our Church 'Ohana.

What a difference a year can make! A year ago, the Vestry and Search Committee were pulling together the final pieces of the search process for a new rector. A renewed spirit and vision began to take shape in the All Saints' community. The Church committed to "*uniting everyone through God's love*" found itself being transformed and empowered by its own unified sense of mission and purpose. 2013 was a year of abundant joy for All Saints'! 2014 we are blessed to be *Sharing our Joy*!

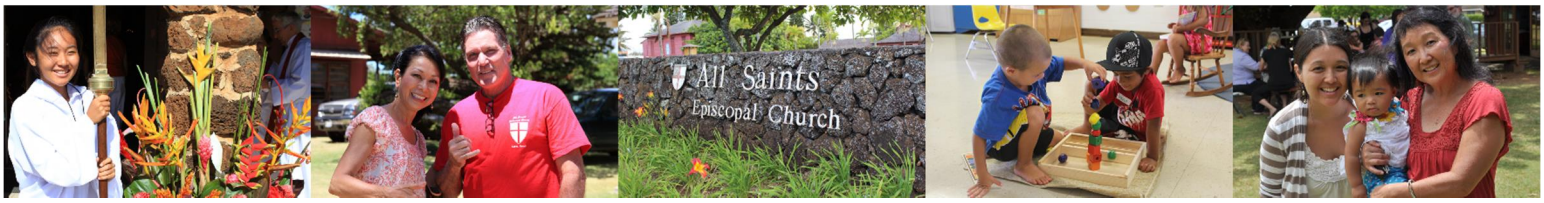
On behalf of the entire All Saints' 'Ohana, we share our deepest and most sincere gratitude and joy for your continued support of the Church's mission and ministries through giving of your time, talents, and treasure.

Historically, churches throughout the world have made the mistake to describe stewardship through a single lens; financial stewardship. However, stewardship is a multi-faceted embodiment and expression of our faith whereby we nurture, cultivate, and empower God's resources entrusted to our care.

The *Sharing Our Joy* campaign will be a yearlong stewardship campaign focused on broadening our community's definition and understanding of stewardship. The fall aspect of the campaign centers on our Church's financial sustainability through the generous support of our 'Ohana. Following our fall ingathering of pledges, we look forward to engaging our Church community with other aspects of the stewardship program such as environmentalism, wellness, and spiritual gifts.

Financial stewardship is both a spiritual and practical endeavor of the heart and mind. Spiritually, as faithful people of God, we strive to remember that our treasure is not the source of our sustenance and strength, but rather the ever present love of God that is generously given to us. The practice of sharing our abundance is a joyful expression of our love for the Divine and a faithful witness to our dependence on God.

As a practical venture, financial stewardship allows All Saints' worship, ministries, outreach, and facilities to exist and thrive through our mission. We are grateful for all gifts, big or small, pledged, freely given or willed. Our annual operating budget is established and managed primarily through our pledged-based giving. Pledged giving cultivates better fiscal planning, management, and transparency.



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For those current pledging members, we greatly appreciate your continued commitment and willingness to document that commitment. For those members who have donated, but not pledged in past years, we are asking you to prayerfully consider transforming your 2014 financial gifts into a pledge.

The financial stewardship aspect of the *Sharing Our Joy* campaign has two simple goals:

(1) To obtain the broadest member participation financially supporting All Saints' mission "*to share and live the Good News of Jesus with members and our community, and to serve others*" through our worship, ministries, outreach, and facilities. 100% participation from our 'Ohana is the ideal.

(2) Each individual and/or family prayerfully and generously share their abundance as a joyful expression of their faith and commitment to God and God's Holy Church.

On Sunday, November 10th at both the 7AM and 9:30AM services we will celebrate All Saints' Day and a special liturgy that will include the ingathering of pledges. We hope you can attend and share in the joy of the All Saints' 'Ohana. If you have any questions, concerns, or wish to have a deeper conversation, please contact either one of us.

Mahalo nui loa!

Faithfully in Christ,

The Reverend Ryan D. Newman
Rector & Preschool Director

William Caldwell
Stewardship Chair & Vestry Member

The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy. (Psalm 126:1)