



Urban Grace
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Urban Grace Church Family,

We extend our greetings and blessings as Urban Grace Trustees. Part of our role as Trustees is to oversee the finances of the church and management of the building as well as draft church policy. In planning stewardship season, we are excited to share with you what's been happening, what we're looking forward to this coming year, and the importance of this stewardship campaign.

2019 has brought with it so much to celebrate! The continued growth of our congregation has resulted in the expansion in our children and youth ministries. We have additionally expanded our programming to adults with the addition of Wednesday Nights @ Urban Grace along with more opportunities for prayer and fellowship with each other. People love our building and it continues to be a center of much community activity. All of our office spaces are occupied with a waiting list for folks who value our space.

As we enter this stewardship season, we want to be open and honest about our financial needs. This year we set an ambitious budget based on the growth we've seen recently. We're four months into our fiscal year (which runs July 1-June 30) and we're on the right track but your commitments during this stewardship season will be crucial to making sure we can fulfill our plans for the year. Pledges for consistent financial support enables us to plan wisely and for our ministries to continue and flourish.

The enclosed annual report contains exciting information about what's been happening at the church this past year and what we're looking forward to. Prepare to be blessed! We've noticed that as we've been more intentional in sharing about why this place matters to us and how we can all commit to helping our ministry continue, the congregation has grown and our relationships with each other and the community have become richer. That's why we created a publication like this. We want this momentum to continue, so the staff gathered stories, statistics, and photos to show a real year in the life of Urban Grace. And now it's our turn...

Enclosed you'll find a pledge card to complete. We ask that you prayerfully consider what you might invest in the ministry of Urban Grace for this next year. Even if you're not making any changes to your previous pledge, please fill out a new card showing your continued commitment. Bring your pledge card to church with you on November 24th. We will all turn our cards in on that day and celebrate together. If you're unable to be in church on the 24th, you can bring your card to church any time before December 29th OR you can mail it to the church office at 902 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402. The only people who will see your pledge will be our Director of Operations, Jennifer Dean, who manages our accounts, and our Treasurer, Michael York, who reviews our finances.

We truly are grateful for Urban Grace and the wonderful ministry we are doing together. We're blessed by the presence of every single one of you and excited that our financial gifts support flourishing ministries that share Christ's inclusive gospel with our city. We ask you to join us in supporting our future together.

With gratitude and love,

The Urban Grace Trustees

George Kovats (President), Elisa Waidelich (Vice-President), Michael York (Treasurer), Sue Brown (Secretary), Josh Carlson, Trevor Conklin