



SAINT MICHAEL'S  
LITCHFIELD  
*Nurture Your Spirit*

## Stewardship Campaign 2024

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**ROOTED IN ABUNDANCE**, we seek to grow into a future blessed with enhanced worship, strengthened community, and beautified buildings, as we go about our mission of Worshipping God and Serving Neighbor. We invite you to be part of this through gifts of your time and your talent as you are able through the year and to pledge from your treasure – a portion of the abundance you enjoy through God's grace – to enable that grace to flow through the pews and doors of our Church and into the lives of all around us.

### **From a Few of Your Fellow Members**

Dear Fellow Members of St Michael's,

Every year, St Michael's reminds all our members that we depend on pledges and contributions for much (50%) of the funds we need to support and maintain our programs, buildings, clergy, and staff and enable our nurturing, spiritual community to continue and to thrive.

Yes, we are a spiritual community. We are much more than salaries and buildings. We are guided by the love of Jesus Christ and by Holy Scripture with our mission to live and proclaim the transforming love of God. We do this in many ways: donating to the Always Open shelf, collecting clothing for those in need, providing meeting places for twelve-step groups, and giving toys to brighten children's Christmases. We also support and encourage each other in a variety of ministries – choir, altar guild, vestry, and bible study groups. Our property committee manages a campus that includes the church, the Rectory, the Community House, five rental units, and the School on the Green and Greenwoods Counseling Referrals in the parish house basement. Our finance committee oversees our investments. These groups work together, seeking and serving Christ in each other.

Of our income, 10% supports the Common Mission of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut and the Anglican Communion throughout the world. Many of the staff and programs of those bodies help us directly here in Litchfield and extend our ministry in ways we cannot.

Please consider supporting St Michael's with a pledge. It can be in the form of a weekly or monthly cash contribution, or a gift of stock or other investment. In choosing a level of support, consider donating a percentage of your income.

We are grateful for every contribution, and your pledge will help us plan our budget for 2024 realistically, with a predictable income stream. We enclose a pledge card for you to return to us. We ask that you mail or bring it to the church on or before December 17. This will allow us to plan our 2024 budget, and to continue to live and proclaim the transforming love of God.

*Michael LaHart, Senior Warden, Barbara Putnam, Treasurer, Perry Brown, Assistant Treasurer, Polly Brooks, Anne Green, & Richard Quay*

**The 2024 Stewardship Team**

*A note from Fr Montgomery overleaf*