

Inspire, Invite, Thank

Inspire, invite, and thank are the foundations of our congregational giving program.

These three vital activities will build generosity within your community and support for the mission of the church as well as help to grow generosity into a regular spiritual practice.

Inspire

Inspire generosity. Inspire giving. Inspire gratitude. Inspire ways of living our faith.

Our generosity is our response to God's vast generosity in our own lives. Our generosity contributes to God's mission in our world. It is how we make a positive difference as individuals and families, in our own community through the mission of our parish, as part of our diocese and the Anglican Church of Canada. In inspiring, we share the story of the impact of our generosity on God's mission.

In order to inspire, we ask ourselves,

- What is God's mission for me in my daily life?
- How am I a follower of Jesus?
- What is our mission here in our community?
- How do we model compassion, provide community, and offer hope?
- How do we serve God's mission in the wider world?

Helping you to inspire

Resources that inspire have an emotional impact. We inspire through writing, speaking, worshipping, and learning. We inspire by telling stories—including our own “Why I give” stories—and by showing images of faith in action.

Giving Our Thanks & Praise provides

- help on how to write “Why I give” stories
- step-by-step instructions to create a narrative budget
- worship resources
- additional online learning programs
- communication tools: bulletin covers and inserts

Invite

We invite others to join us in support of God's mission. The ultimate goal is to invite every person annually to contribute an appropriate and meaningful gift.

The invitation is most effective when it is clear, direct, and personal. We encourage a conversation. We invite people to prayerfully consider how they will respond to God's generosity in their lives.

Ideally, every person feels they have been invited

- to join us and others in God's mission
- to participate in supporting God's mission
- to make an appropriate and meaningful gift of treasure as well as time and talent

Helping you to invite

Giving Our Thanks & Praise provides

- step-by-step instructions on how to have a face-to-face and peer-to-peer conversation that invites people to give
- ideas for creating an inviting letter to send to everyone in the congregation

Thank

A culture of generosity is built on a foundation of gratitude. We thank God for the blessings in our lives. God is generous again and again and again, and we can find time to say thank you again and again and again—and in many different ways. We cannot thank enough.

Helping you to thank

Giving Our Thanks & Praise emphasizes how to ensure that our gratitude and thanks are

- **timely:** A message of thanks is provided soon after we receive a gift.
- **sincere:** The message communicates what a difference a person's gift will make.
- **personal:** The thank-you is delivered face to face or in a handwritten note.

In this part of the guide, you will find assistance in how to **inspire**, how to **invite**, and how to **thank**. We hope that you will feel inspired in the process.