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Dear friends and parishioners of St. Andrew's,

We have work to do, so much work to do, both around the world and right here on the shoreline. We write today to invite you to join others at St. Andrew's in contributing your energy, financial resources and time to our many ministries in 2018: liturgical, educational and pastoral.

Our theme for the fall and the coming year is taken from the parable of the mustard seed. Jesus tells us:

'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' [Matthew: 13:31-32]

In brief, Jesus is saying that from things tiny much can grow that is great. Here at St. Andrew's we feel that it is springtime. We have been preparing the soil: We have refurbished our undercroft, kitchen and preschool/church school wing. We have a new, fulltime rector. Now we have begun to plant seeds!

- We have expanded our Sunday worship schedule to offer three services: a quiet, contemplative service; an energetic family service, and a traditional service.
- We are organizing an effort to host a refugee family.
- We are planning a revised adult education program.
- We will be offering both youth and adult confirmation classes.
- We have a record number of children in our preschool program.

But to really move forward we need more seeds: yours! Your involvement—as a worshiper, as a volunteer, as a financial contributor—makes a difference in a small parish like ours.

Please prayerfully consider how you can support St. Andrew's in 2018. What gifts of time, talent and treasure is God calling you to offer? There are mustard seeds aplenty in our midst. Come, sow yours with us and watch it grow!

You can help us plan by completing the enclosed "Estimate of Giving" and "Offering of Time and Talent" forms. We will be collecting them during worship on October 29. Or you can return them to the church office.

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