

I am a child of God. How will I answer? Make a leap of faith. Give of all things with a joyful heart. I am the church. You are the church. We are the church together. Halleluiah! Halleluiah!

THE FOUR CORNERSTONES OF COMMITMENT

This document is designed to help you (and your family) plan for your commitments in the four cornerstones. Its purpose is to capture your intentions for 2009, based on how you are being called by God. Once completed and turned in to the church, this form will be returned to you after the first of the year, when you are presented with specific opportunities toward which you can fulfill your commitments in the four cornerstones.

COMMITMENT OF MONEY: *"Give because you can."* The traditional definition of stewardship: giving back to the church, for God's awesome work, that which came from God in the first place—and doing so with a joyful heart because it is a privilege to do so, rather than an obligation.

COMMITMENT OF CONNECTION: *"Make a new one, strengthen an old one."* Do you have a best friend at church? This is the commitment to give a piece of your heart to establish deeper personal connections with others, supporting the sense of community among congregation members.

COMMITMENT OF TIME: *"Just show up!"* This comes down to the notion of being in attendance at church events, with your fellow congregation members. The simplest view of this commitment is the number of hours you give to the church.

COMMITMENT OF TALENT: *"Get a job."* This is being willing to create the "value add" to the Time Commitment. This is the commitment of giving a special part of yourself (knowledge, skill, effort, interest, ability) to a church endeavor.

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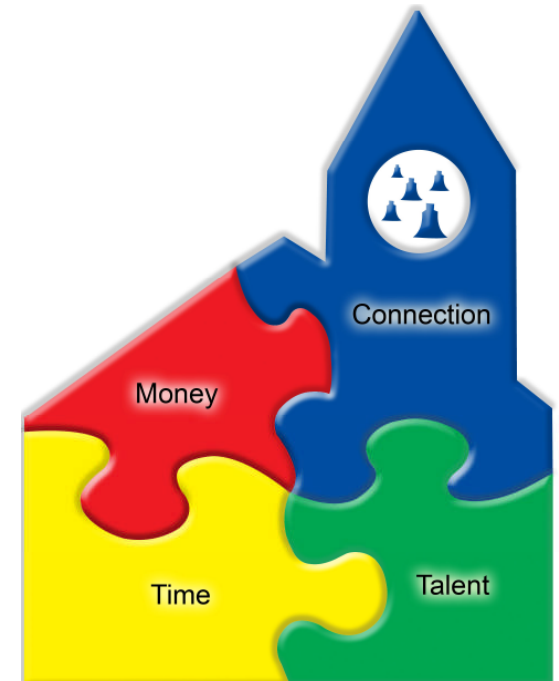
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Planning for Your 2009

Commitment Cornerstones



St. Luke's Presbyterian Church

God is calling...
how will we answer?

Wondering how to get started? The planning process starts with listening for how God is calling you in each of the four commitment cornerstones. You may be called to do more in a certain cornerstone, to continue doing the same, or to move some of your resources from one to another to achieve a better balance.

The Nature of God's Call

God is calling...how will I hear? God's call comes in many forms. Breath of heaven: a still, small voice or a flash of insight. It might be a simple urge or the unfolding of a complete idea, fully formed. Or, it can be vision leaping to mind as well as nothing more than the feeling of being nudged. You might see it in your mind, hear it in your head, feel it in your heart, or experience it as a gut instinct. Praise God!

"...be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect. For as in one body we have many parts, and all the parts do not have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ and individually parts of one another."

Romans 12:2,4-5

How Will I Answer?

Doing an audit of how you are fulfilling each of the cornerstones currently seems like a good place to start. Once you have completed that exercise, use the space in the four commitment cornerstones on the following pages to record your intentions for 2009.


"Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us exercise them: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness."

Romans 12:6-8


commitments you will make in 2009. It is a solemn promise made to God

An intention is the broad, bright light that leads the way for the more specific


My/Our commitment intentions for Money:




My/Our commitment intentions for Connection:



My/Our commitment intentions for Time:



My/Our commitment intentions for Talent:



to take responsibility and assure the quality of,

how you will answer God's call.