**Vestry Committee Report**

Stewardship Committee

1. **Core Value:**

We aspire to be good stewards of all the gifts of time, talent, and treasure entrusted to us for building up God’s Kingdom. We seek to embrace the tithe as the biblical standard of giving.

**Stewardship Committee of the Strategic Planning Committee:**

Vestry Committee Members

* Robert E. Smith, Chair
* Ebony Smith

1. **Date Submitted: May 20, 2017**
2. **Summary statement of progress toward implementing 2017 objectives:**

In accordance with the stated duties of the Stewardship Committee, we shall develop approaches to encourage parishioners to give of their time, talent and treasure to carry out the work of God’s Kingdom in the Parish. The Committee shall be responsible for stewardship education in the Church.

* Emphasizes will be placed on stewardship being everyone’s solemn responsibility and that it is a continuous activity throughout the year.
* In 2016, the Church experienced an increase in pledges for which a more ambitious 2017 Church budget could be based.
* This year’s end-of-the-year financial report of giving will determine if the pledges goal was met.
* The Chair is preparing the plan to implement the October 2016 stewardship campaign to include a theme, speakers, stewardship literature for the parish and hopefully increase giving for 2018.
* The plan will be reviewed by Rev. Irving.
* As for education, the Chair says informed about stewardship through the Episcopal Network for Stewardship (TENS) and occasional discussions with knowledgeable folks through email.
* The Chair has the link to TENS and login information to examine stewardship tools, education, material, and training that might be useful to the parish.

1. **Progress toward 5 Year Goals:**

* Stewardship is not just about money by itself. It incorporates thoughtful use of time and talents. These are crucial for success at Atonement. Given Atonement’s outreach activities, it is clear folks are dedicating their time and talent. Some ministries are requesting volunteers to step up their service to the general functioning of the Church as well as supporting the outreach programs to include more contact with the sick and shut-in.
* The labors are always many but laborers are few, however, volunteers are expected to grow over the five years to support Atonement’s programs.

1. **Recommended modifications to specific Objectives:**

**None**

1. **Request for resources or assistance:**

**None**