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Letter to the Core

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Dear

I am writing to you as one of our leaders at **[church name here]** to thank you for all that you give to the life of our church. I really value your strong faith, together with your leadership, commitment and your financial support. It is the faithful and consistent giving of committed members such as you that allows us to minister to our congregation and the parish. Our giving is all about our ministry; it is every service we have, each sermon preached, baptism families welcomed and the Gospel preached through Alpha and our Emmaus courses. Ministry is every bereaved family supported, each visit and home communion to the sick and housebound. Our giving makes ministry possible.

This is an important and challenging time for our church as we engage with Giving in Grace. Under the leadership of the PCC our Church is currently looking at our ministry and our giving. To meet both the challenge and the opportunities we need to ask each individual and household to carefully and prayerfully review their financial giving. As leaders in the church we need to have integrity before God and lead by example. Therefore the Wardens and I have reviewed our own giving first and we ask you to join us in this.

St Paul teaches us in 1 Corinthians 16 verse 2 that our giving should be:

A priority: Our giving should be a first call on our disposable income. We give what's right, not what's left over.

Planned: We need to plan and review our giving to God through the ministry of this Church on a regular basis. We should Gift Aid if we pay tax and give by standing order - if this is how we put into practice other important decisions we make about money.

Proportionate: God blesses us with all we have and our giving should reflect his generosity to us. We should consider giving a proportion of our income, whether 2%, 5% 10% or beyond, as we are able to do so in prayer and reflection before God. At the right time in our lives and with due consideration for our families and other giving commitments we should plan to leave a legacy as a proportion of our estate.

I give thanks for you and your special contribution to the ministry of this church and pray we will continue to work together in the mission and service that God has entrusted to us here. Please take some time to pray and then to respond, We want to be disciples in every aspect of our lives. Each of us should ask ourselves if our regular giving is the right response to God's overwhelming generosity. The financial details will be confidential to our **[planned giving officer]** but I will be aware of the overall response and will write to thank those who respond. Thank you once again for all you do and all you give in the life and ministry of our church.

In His Love

Vicar

PS Having prayed this through, please return the response form, even if you are unable to increase your giving at the current time as a sign of your general support for this initiative.