

2017 Stewardship Letter from Senior Warden Harry Volz

Dear fellow parishioners,

There is never going to be another time like this at Christ Church, Georgetown. After a long wait for visa approval, our 21st Rector, the Reverend Timothy Cole, is at the beginning of a new ministry here after years of faithful service in Britain. Additionally, in 2017, we will mark the 200th anniversary of the founding of Christ Church. Transitions present challenges. That certainly has been the case here over the past two years as we bade farewell to a beloved and long-serving Rector, searched for his successor, and then, after he was called, learned much about patience as a bureaucratic process slowly unfolded. But we have had so many remarkable blessings in this time. Bishop Peter James Lew was a wonderfully reassuring presence during his year here as Interim Rector. Before and after Bishop Lee left, the stellar service of the assisting clergy, Kristen Hawley and Elizabeth Keeler, has maintained worship, programs, and pastoral care at their customary levels. Another transition was a leadership change in the parish's music program. We have seen that offering, quite simply, go from strength to strength.

As Tim Cole's leadership gets underway, and as the parish approaches its third century, the opportunities for stronger and broader mission and ministry are enormous and exciting. Over the past two centuries, Christ Church has touched innumerable lives in many ways. May we always continue to do that with humility and faithfulness as the Body of Christ in this place. This is the time of year we plan specifically for the next calendar year. We will be working to involve active participation in our worship life and all other programs, including education and mission. We also will be counting on the generosity of all parishioners in making a financial commitment to support the parish's mission and ministry. We thank all those who responded to the canvass for 2016. We hope all will continue that support for 2017, and if possible consider increasing it in thanksgiving for the wonderful opportunities that lie ahead. Please join us by completing and submitting your pledge card for 2017 as soon as possible.

With thanks,
Harry A. Volz, Senior Warden