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Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The Annual Response Program begins today, October 18th, and ends on Response Sunday, November 8th. Our theme this year is *"The Spirit of the Gift."* Our attitude in giving is critical; giving has to be an intentional, heartfelt, and joyful response to God's goodness to us.

The Annual Response Program is at the heart of our work in our church. Your generous giving provides the resources for our church to grow and expand. This year we are asking you to "Take One Step Up" in tithing when filling out your "Estimate of Giving" card. Step up toward tithing, to tithing, or beyond tithing as you are led by the Spirit.

Please complete the "Estimate of Giving" card and return it in the enclosed envelope. Envelopes should be placed in the Joash box at the foot of the communion table in the sanctuary before or after each service. We hope that everyone will participate with a spirit that is pleasing to God. Every gift is important and together will strengthen our church and our mission of sharing the love of Jesus by allowing us to make realistic plans for next year. Please complete and return the card no later than November 8th.

Each Sunday during the Annual Response Program, we will show a video on different threads of our faith to encourage, challenge and stimulate our spirit.

On Saturday, November 7th, we will come together for the Time and Talent Coffee House, an opportunity to celebrate our God given talents for an evening of fellowship and praise.

On Thank & Tell Sunday, November 15th, we will share lunch, celebrate 2009 and look forward to 2010 with the results of the Annual Response Program.

As God has shown his love to us through the gift of his Son, let us return that spirit in everything we do, intentionally, heartfelt and joyfully. Together, with the grace of God, there is no limit to what we can achieve.

Your closing,

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Chair, Year Round Stewardship
For the Session

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