Episcopal Diocese of Washington



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Bear with one another in love.

Ephesians 4:1-2

Introduction to the Annual Giving Campaign Toolkit

The theme for the Annual Giving Campaign toolkit, **Upholding One Another in Love,** was also the theme for this year's Diocesan Convention. At the annual gathering in January, Bishop Mariann Budde reminded us that we live this out when we join in worship and the practices of prayer, in quiet acts of mercy, in courageous work for justice, and in the steadfast commitment to honor the dignity of every human being. It is present when a congregation walks alongside a neighbor in crisis, brings children together in joyful celebration; when leaders are formed to guide with wisdom and compassion; and when we choose to remain in loving relationship with one another.

As the theme for an Annual Giving Campaign, **Upholding One Another in Love** also reminds us that the Church is far more than a building or an institution. We are a community bound together in faith, prayer, compassion, and shared responsibility.

Every act of generosity within our parish becomes a way of upholding one another. Through our gifts, we worship together, care for one another in times of joy and sorrow, nurture the faith of our children and youth, serve our neighbors in need, and proclaim the love of Christ in our community. Each pledge is not simply a financial commitment—it is a testimony of faith and an expression of gratitude for all God has entrusted to us.

In a world that often feels divided and uncertain, the Church remains a place where people are welcomed, supported, and loved. Together, we create a parish family where no one walks alone. We strengthen one another through prayer, presence, service, and generosity.

Upholding One Another in Love invites us to reflect on the many ways God has blessed us and how our gifts can help sustain and grow the ministries of our church. Every pledge, regardless of size, matters deeply and helps ensure that your church continues to be a place of hope, healing, fellowship, and faithful witness.

At its heart, **Upholding One Another in Love** is a reminder that we belong to one another, and that God calls us to build a community rooted in grace, generosity, and faithful love.