

# JOURNEY TO GENEROSITY

2017

## *An opportunity to say 'yes'*

Life is an opportunity. Life is a journey. A journey to saying “yes” to God who calls us the Beloved. Life is a journey to love; a journey to welcome; a journey to invite; a journey to peace; a journey to generosity.

From the moment we draw our first breath to the moment we breathe our last, we are both receivers and givers. How we move from takers of everything given to us to sharing everything we have is one measure of how we live into saying, “Yes.”

On our journey to generosity, we learn from our parents and other family members. We learn from friends and church members. We learn through our own actions and from hearing the stories of other generous people.

The gospel stories of Jesus inform, challenge, and inspire us. Whether it’s the story of the Good Samaritan, the rich young ruler, or Zacchaeus, Jesus invites us into what the journey to generosity looks like.

TENS has chosen “Journey to Generosity” as the theme for 2017 to invite everyone into that journey. It is not simply about how much we give to support the mission and ministry of our parish. The journey is about how we live our lives as the Beloved.

Are we generous in our dealings with others? Are we generous when we welcome the stranger and the strange to church on

“Put simply, life is a God-given opportunity to become who we are, to affirm our own true spiritual nature, claim our truth, appropriate and integrate the reality of our being, but most of all, to say ‘Yes’ to the One who calls us the Beloved.” — Henri J.M. Nouwen

Sunday mornings? Are we generous in our forgiveness and in our acceptance of forgiveness?

We hope you find our upcoming offerings helpful as your church travels on the Journey to Generosity.

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