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Dear Friends,

Congratulations – Thanks to the efforts of Trinity Memorial’s parishioners the last two years have seen increases in gifts of time, of talent, and of treasure.

The “Serving God in this Place” capital campaign, in the midst of the recession, made our goal. Now the new roof, flashing, and pointing are on a pace to be completed before winter sets in – our chapel, narthex, nave, choir and sanctuary will be snug and dry for years to come. **Well done.**

The Sunday CHOW offerings of macaroni and cheese, peanut butter and jelly, canned fruit, pasta, cereal, cake and brownie mix and soups have filled the two baskets and more on the first Sunday of every month, and you have brought items on the other Sundays as well. **Well done.**

The Rector’s Discretionary Fund enables the “front door” ministry to provide \$15.00 food only cards twice a month to 15 families. You also provide for members of Trinity when financial difficulties arise. **Well done.**

You provide sixty sack suppers each Saturday night to the people of Binghamton, and another sixty for a Sunday evening meal. **Well done.**

You provide a nourishing, delicious Sunday noon meal once a month, and invite other groups to provide meals using our facilities for the other 40 Sundays of the year. Over thirty members of Trinity give of themselves, their time and talent, for this ministry. **Well done.**

You provide a music program second to none in Binghamton, lead by Peter Browne. There are twenty-five who rehearse and sing weekly September through June in the Mixed Choir, and nine young voices who are members of the Trebles. There are the Chimes who also lift our spirits. **Well done.**

You provide for the Church School program where our faculty of six teach and shape the lives of the youngest among us. **Well done.**

We provide a gathering space and meal for family and friends of those living with HIV/AIDS every Tuesday evening with Trinity members cooking regularly. **Well done.**

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You are visiting the homebound, this year we are on track to have one hundred, thirty visits, sixty-five more than in 2007. **Well done.**

You provide for improved communications through the Trinity Times, the Sunday Times, the homebound mailings, the stewardship brochure, the capital campaign brochure, the discernment and search brochure, the newly designed website, and the frequent email notices. **Well done.**

Over the past two years you have given of yourselves to serve on the Music and Worship Commission, the Building and Grounds Commission, the Mission and Ministry Commission, the Finance Commission, the Investment Committee, the Mutual Ministry Review Commission, the Stewardship Steering Group, the Nominating Commission, the Hospitality Commission, the Tuesday Group, and the Trinity Lunchers. The wardens and vestry have tackled the challenges of parish governance. **Well done.**

The undercroft is given to the Haven After School program where twenty to thirty high school youth gather on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays during the school year in a safe and supportive environment. **Well done.**

You provide our facilities and heat, light, and maintenance for over twenty community groups, including Narcotics Anonymous, Quilters Club, Eastern Star, Contradance, Clothes Closet, Girl Scouts, polling place, and Madrigal Choir of Binghamton. **Well done.**

Over the last two years we have grown our ministry and we have grown our generosity. It is now time to consider growing our generosity again.

In 2007 Trinity's average pledge was	\$1,245.00.
In the Diocese of Central New York the average pledge was	\$1,434.00 (16% higher).
In the Episcopal Church USA the average pledge was	\$2,191.00 (45% higher).
While we do not have additional numbers from the diocese or the Episcopal Church U.S.A., our financial generosity rose in 2009 by 11% to	\$1,394.00.
When compared to the Diocese of Central New York, we are now 6% less, and when compared to the Episcopal Church USA we are now 38% less.	We are improving.

If we were to receive 2010 pledges in line with the average for the Episcopal Church USA we would have pledge income of \$271,000. Amazing. Perhaps that is a bit too ambitious, even for Trinity, but if we would increase our average pledge to \$1,600 we would generate approximately \$198,000. This would enable us to adequately fund our 2010 budget with \$167,000 from other sources of income. **This is a challenge.**

All we do as members of Trinity Memorial is part of our Christian formation; part of forming us into the people God invites us to become.

As God is generous beyond all measure, so we are invited to grow in our generosity.

Sincerely,

Paul C. Donecker, interim rector

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