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To all Members and Friends of St. Augustine's

September 24, 2008

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The fall of 2008 will be a time to remember! Together we begin an intensive spiritual growth journey in our church, a shared pilgrimage of faithful people. Together, through our "***Faith, Vision, Legacy – It's About Time***" stewardship campaign, we will share in bible study, pray, visit with one another, and seek to grow in our ability to share our faith with each other.

It is my hope – and that of your Campaign Leadership Team – that as we come closer to God through studying the profound stories of faith and transformation in scripture we will also come to a deeper understanding of God's vision of a Community of Love and Grace found therein and be blessed with the gift of God's Spirit to implement that vision here at St. Augustine's.

That is why I am asking you to join me in a pledge to increase your time in bible study over the months ahead. Whether on an independent basis and/or as part of one of our bible studies or ministry groups at church, I ask that you consider a level of bible study that represents an increase for you. It's only time, but I believe these will be the most important "appointments" of the week for you—the time you spend with holy scripture.

I also invite you to attend one of several small-group Enrichment Gatherings which will be hosted throughout the weeks ahead. These meetings are a very important part of our "***Faith, Vision, Legacy – It's About Time***" campaign. The purpose of these meetings is to communicate to everyone in our church family the plans we as a community have carefully and comprehensively developed for our parish's future. The events are informational with time for your questions. No financial commitments will be asked for or received. You will have a good time meeting with others in our church family, and will learn more about our campaign plans.

Your attendance at one of these meetings is important to all of us – to our whole parish. Enclosed with this letter is a list of scheduled meetings. Also, be listening for announcements about the dates and times of these meetings, and look for a sign-up sheet at church. Please do plan to attend one of these Enrichment Gatherings meetings as an expression of your support and as an encouragement to others. For more information, or to sign up for a date to attend, please contact Ken and Lynda Anderson (331-2858).

Lastly, I want to thank you in advance: thank you for your commitment to increased bible study, and for attending one of the Enrichment Gathering sessions; and thank you also for your faithful dedication to the mission and ministry of our parish!

Grace and peace to all of you, my brothers and sisters,

(The Rev.) Nigel Taber-Hamilton, Rector

Enclosure