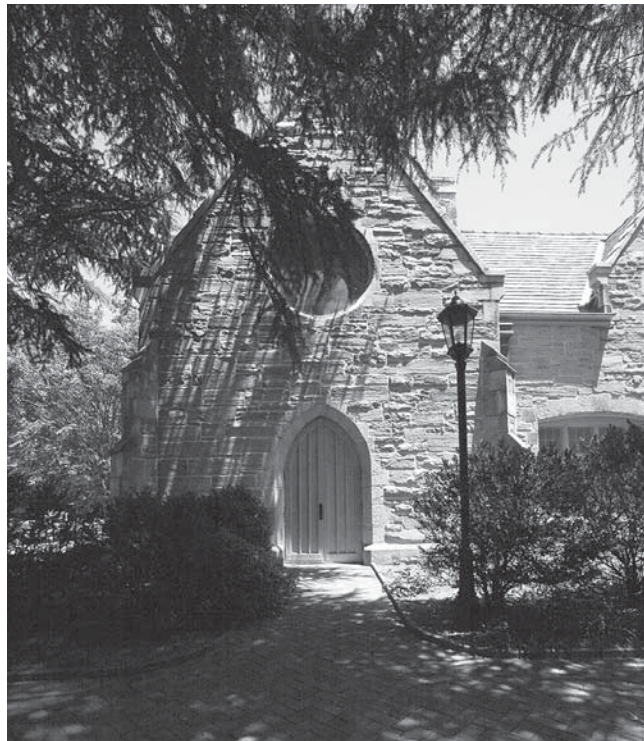


# From the Chairs of the 2008 Annual Commitment Campaign

Each fall we are invited to make joyous acts of thanksgiving as stewards of Christ Church. This is the time when we acknowledge the place of the church in our lives with pledges of financial support, and seek to ensure that God's work continues and increases in our parish community and the wider world.

Consistent with results of the parish survey conducted in early 2006, our Rector and Vestry have embarked on important initiatives to strengthen and prepare Christ Church for the future. We are devoting substantial resources to two areas—communications and stewardship—identified as cornerstones of our common life. Our

new commitments in these areas have already borne fruit.



Director of Communications Kaye Culp has designed invigorated formats for the *Epistle* and *Sunday at Christ Church*, and is building our website into a lively source of information. Former Senior Warden Margaret Bratton, now our Director of Stewardship, planned and hosted the best-attended Mary Sumner Blount Legacy Guild dinner since the Guild was founded.



We must support and develop these vital ministries in order to tap their full potential as sustenance for the uplifting worship and liturgy, inspiring Christian education programs, and compassionate outreach ministries that are traditional and ongoing strengths of our parish.

Our campaign asks you to provide Christ Church with “the Means of Grace, and the Hope of Glory,” in gratitude for God’s grace and goodness in your life. Achieving our goal of \$2 million in pledges is critical if our parish is to move forward with these initiatives. Participation levels in last year’s campaign were gratifying, but all of us, in every age group and at every giving level, have room to grow in our commitment to stewardship. We also urge those who have not pledged before to join with us, sharing in the joy of sustaining our beloved parish.

Please consider how the choices you make in directing your financial resources affect others and reflect your values as a steward of God’s world. “*All things come of Thee, O Lord; of Thine own have we given Thee.*”

Sincerely,

*Martin*

Martin Brinkley

*Don*

Don Cowan

## OUR ANNUAL COMMITMENT

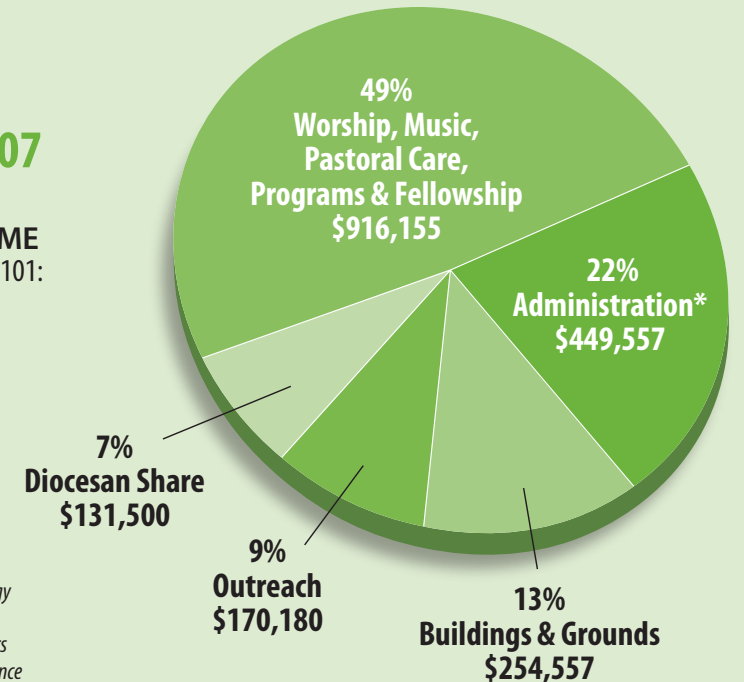
Our beautiful and historic parish in the heart of Raleigh is a community of faith with a place for all. Our pledges support the many facets of our life together: Anglican worship, Christian formation, caring fellowship, compassionate outreach, and graceful buildings and grounds, all of which express our common faith and shared commitment to be the church of Christ.

The \$2 million pledge income will fund programs, clergy and staff that support the life of our parish family. We shall continue energetic and creative care of our children and youth, and nurture our spiritual lives through varied opportunities of education and worship. Three new positions begun midyear will be funded in order to improve communications, stewardship and pastoral care. As always, ten percent of our pledge income supports our outreach ministry to those in need. As a major parish of the Diocese, we maintain our commitment to its ministry.

Just as a mighty house rises one brick at a time, so this house of God is raised up one pledge at a time as each of us gives of our resources for the life and ministry of Christ Church.

### BUDGETED EXPENSES 2007

**BUDGETED INCOME** for 2007 totaled \$1,922,101:  
 91% pledge income  
 7% non-pledge income  
 2% funding from the previous year's reserves



\*Administrative support technology and website, office equipment, supplies, telephone, audit workers compensation & disability insurance



# From the Rector

*"...We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all the for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory..."*

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING, BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

The General Thanksgiving expresses so beautifully the gratitude that opens our hearts to holiness, healing and happiness, remembering God's "goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all."

We express our gratitude by offering our resources—indeed our very selves—as we join together to bring God's Good News of reconciliation and healing to one another, and to the world.

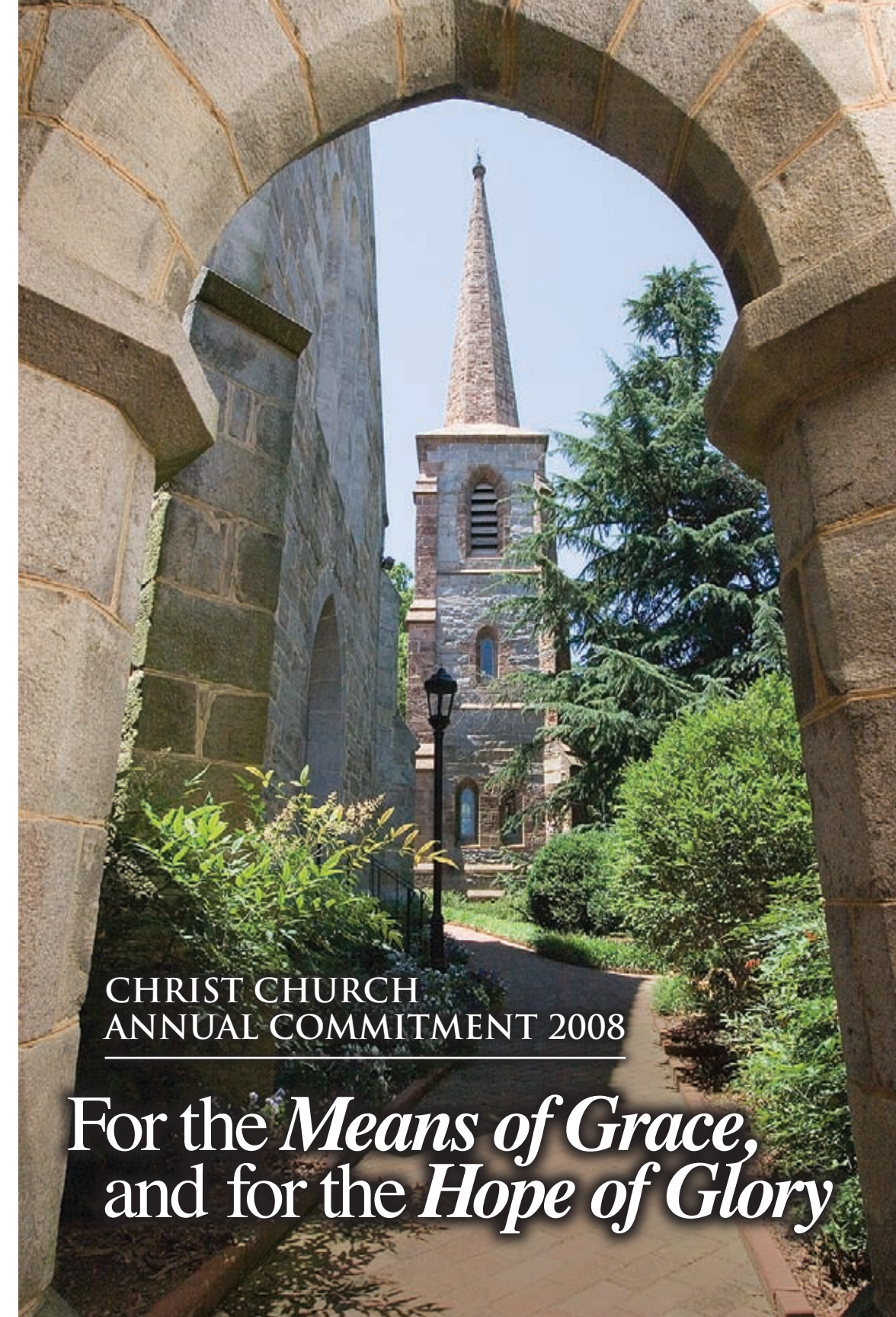
Our stewardship pledges enable our community to worship, to love, to care and to serve in God's name. The tithe, one tenth of our income, is the biblical standard that guides our giving. Those who embrace this as a goal know the joy of generosity.

Our pledge objective of \$2 million will support our life as a parish family. As we join together in increasing our annual commitments to Christ Church, we unite to accomplish God's work through our parish. Thank you for joining me in giving in gratitude "for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory."



Yours in Christ,

The Reverend Dr. Winston B. Charles  
Rector



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