

#### Pray and support our mission & ministry

The Bishop's Annual Appeal supports and builds on our priorities; it provides needed funds for direct mission and ministry.

We invite and encourage all members of our diocese and beyond to pray for God's mission and ministry and our witness to it here in the Inland Northwest.

By contributing to the Bishop's Annual Fund you support the good works already underway and yet to come. Please consider sending your gift of any size today.

#### How to Donate

Standard mail:

The Bishop's Annual Appeal

The Episcopal Diocese of Spokane 245 E. 13th Ave Spokane, WA 99202

Online:

foundation.spokanediocese.org

## Gathered by God

Transformed into the people of God

Sent into the world in love and service

Gather, Transform, Send!

The work of Christ belongs to all join us!

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# The Bishop's Annual APPEAL

Called to be compelling, creative witnesses to Jesus Christ in the Inland Northwest



Bishop Jim Waggoner and Bishop-elect Gretchen Rehberg

#### Working together, supporting each other in mission

**The Bishop's Annual Appeal** is one way you can contribute to God's work in our diocese above and beyond what the current budget provides. All money donated is **used in 2017** to support the vital mission and ministry priorities here at home, in our diocese.

#### Following Jesus together

#### We nurture disciples

Jesus calls us to follow him. Forming disciples of Jesus Christ and deepening that formation for all



people equips us to follow that call. Camp Cross is one of the many ways we form and deepen disciples here in the Episcopal Diocese of Spokane. You will receive a letter from Camp Cross later this month with suggestions for how you can specifically give to the formative work of Camp.

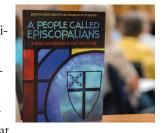


#### We serve our neighbors

Jesus calls us to the work of ministry, telling us to feed the hungry and house the homeless and clothe the naked. We learn that it is when we "serve the least of these" that we serve Christ himself.

#### We strengthen our congregations

Jesus calls us into communities of faith. Strengthening and developing our congregations is holy work, and this work requires us to engage in holy practices so that



we may be a holy people sent by God into the world *bringing Good News to all whom we encounter.* 



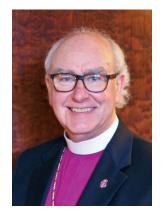
Bishop Jim and Bishop-elect Gretchen invite you to participate in the Bishop's Annual Appeal.





#### In gratitude

For 16 years, Bishop Jim has called us to be bold in Christ. He cast a vision that embraces congregations of all sizes, all locations and all conditions. He has invited us to exer-



cise our gifts and to be creative and compelling witnesses to Jesus Christ in the Inland Northwest. This year Bishop Jim retires, and we honor his faithful work among us and celebrate his leadership. While the Bishop's retirement marks an end to his ministry with us, God's work continues. And God calls us into gathered communities in order to accomplish ongoing work. As committed followers of Jesus, we are stronger together. Bound by our common life, our ministries here in the Inland Northwest are shaped by God's emerging vision and ongoing call to us to be creative, compelling witnesses to Jesus Christ.

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