

ST ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
*GROWING TOGETHER*



Photo Ray Ewing, MV Gazette 2022

To our dear St Andrew's Church community:

October 14, 2022

**God has big plans for us.**

Years of preparation and effort made it possible to help the Venezuelan refugees by offering them shelter in our church, a place of safety, a place they knew they were wanted, and belonged.

Our work was shown to the whole world to be necessary, meaningful, and relevant. It has touched the hearts of so many across the nation and in our congregation. The emails and correspondence have been legion, filled with personal notes of gratitude and joy.

It is clear what we've been hearing: every one of us, our families, our churches, our communities, our society, our nation, our world—need healing. A chance to grow by saying we're sorry, forgiving, accepting each other, so that we may come closer, and be together. We head into the new year with a renewed sense of mission and purpose. And we feel called to go farther as we accept God's invitation to show our world Christ.

In 2023, we hope to:

- Do more to create real connections within the Christian community and our congregation
- Do more to help children develop as confident and knowledgeable Christians for the future
- Do more to make our worship a true celebration of the Spirit through music
- Do more to make our mission of reconciling everyone—in our church, on this island, in our nation, and in this world—with each other and with God

And we'll need to do this knowing that we'll be taking less from our endowment, given market conditions, and facing higher expenses due to inflation. Please read the enclosed information.

**We have set a goal of \$250,000.00 in pledges for 2023. It's an ambitious challenge. And you can be a strong and consistent part of the financial foundation of our mission.**

**We humbly ask that you help us fulfill God's big plans for us by filling out and returning your enclosed pledge card as soon as you can.**

Your brother in Christ,  
Father Chip+