



*"Welcoming Everyone  
to Grow in the Love  
and Grace of Jesus Christ!"*

June 2010

Dear Friends in Christ:

We are writing to you early in the Church's new fiscal year, which began on May 1, to share with you information regarding our current financial status and recent trends. Please prayerfully consider and respond with whatever help you might provide. When considering your current pledge or if you have not pledged, keep in mind that this need will be an ongoing need throughout the fiscal year.

Trinity English has been blessed with a long history of increased offerings and other revenues that comfortably covered the expenses of its growing ministries. However, over the last five years, total revenues have declined by almost 12%. Offerings (the largest component of our overall revenue) have declined by almost 10%. As these trends developed, church expenses were reduced by 8.5% over this same period. As a result, the last two fiscal years ending April 30 included financial deficits of \$47,000 and \$38,000 respectively.

While we are so thankful for the many pledges that have been made to date for our new fiscal year, the decline in revenues appears to be continuing. Pledges are 6% less than a year ago at this time and 10% less than the final pledge total from last year. Without a reversal of this trend, the Church Council and staff will have no alternative other than to make like reductions in expenditures. These would negatively impact staffing and our ministries and programs.

The Seeds of Faith improvements and new addition to our church home and the many ministries offered at Trinity English create enormous potential for a bright future. We are confident that each of us shares this optimism and will revisit our capacity to give and your individual commitment to do so where possible so as to reverse this negative trend. A communicated pledge enables the church to plan with knowledge of anticipated offerings. If you haven't already done so, please submit your pledge as soon as possible. If you have already pledged, please consider the possibility of an increase. Time is of the essence to minimize expense reductions.

You may submit your pledge, or add to it, by completing and mailing the enclosed pledge card. You may also make your pledge online at [TrinityEnglish.org](http://TrinityEnglish.org). Or you may contact Mary Ann Parker, Business Administrator, at 426-3424 or via email ([MAParker@TrinityEnglish.org](mailto:MAParker@TrinityEnglish.org)).

We truly appreciate your willingness to prayerfully consider this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bruce Dafforn".

Bruce Dafforn  
Chairman, Stewardship Committee

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Reed Miller".

Reed Miller  
Chairman, Finance Committee