



EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

RESTORING ALL PEOPLE TO UNITY WITH GOD AND EACH OTHER IN CHRIST

August 16, 2011

Dear Fellow Followers of Christ,

I write this note filled with great joy and thankfulness for your dedication and devotion to our church. This summer you have faithfully attended church and generously offered your time, talent, and treasures. Only on a few occasions has attendance dropped below 100 (kind of like the temperature) and you have remained faithful to your pledge commitments. Actually, I have never been a part of a church where going into August the treasurer has not said, “it will be ok, we will pick the pledges back up again in September” as words of comfort to a concerned church leadership. However, this summer, at the Church of the Holy Spirit, because of your commitment and faithfulness to our vision of “*Restoring all people to unity with God and each other in Christ,*” our treasurer is not having this conversation and you have saved a lot of furrowed brows among the church leadership. Thank you for your dedication to offering your time, talent and treasure!

As a congregation you have set a wonderful example of faithful commitment to serving our Lord through the Church of the Holy Spirit. Your Bishop’s Committee and I have taken note of your commitment and work hard to be good stewards of these resources. This fall we are adding to our staff a Part-time Assistant Vicar for Pastoral Care and an Assistant Music Minister. These staff additions move us closer to living into the ministries and programs envisioned for our new life on Bandera Rd.

Each of these staffing additions have occurred within the existing budget approved by your Bishop’s Committee and presented to you at the January 2011 annual meeting. Remaining within the budget is a high priority and we were able to fund these positions by re-designating funds from one area to another without hurting existing programming and ministries but rather building them. Additionally, both new positions are funded at a fair rate but not what one would call competitive. In other words, both Kelly and James are coming on board to Holy Spirit because they are excited about joining in our church’s vision. Actually, this commitment to our vision can be said of each of the staff members here at Holy Spirit, as well as each member of our church.

We are in the midst of a wonderful and blessed time in our congregational life as we serve Christ in the world. Thank you for your contributions to our vision!

Faithfully,
Jason