



Living Word United Methodist Church

"On that day they offered great sacrifices and rejoiced because God had given them great joy." - Nehemiah 12:43a

Dear _____,

Sunday, October 19, 2008 will be Commitment Sunday for our **"Will You Grow?"** stewardship campaign at Living Word United Methodist Church. We urge you to plan now to attend a worship service on that day.

"Will You Grow?" is a biblical, spiritual, inspirational program designed to enrich our understanding of Christian stewardship. The program is not built on the need of Living Word to fund a budget for the day to day expenses of the church, but on the need of each person to contribute proportionately as a part of his or her own spiritual maturity and commitment to Christ. Sometimes, we have measured too much of our success on whether or not we could underwrite a particular budget. During the **"Will You Grow?"** initiative we will measure success by how much the people of Living Word are willing to grow. Instead of strictly emphasizing commitments to the budget, we are asking each person to consider a personal, proportional commitment to the ministries of Living Word. This is a Biblical approach to stewardship and, in many ways, is a demonstration of our faith in you.

The process of commitment will be somewhat different than in previous years. The traditional Faith In Action campaign is being split into two distinct parts – Stewardship and Service. As a part of **"Will You Grow?"**, you will be receiving an "Estimate of Giving" card that you are asked to bring to a worship service on Commitment Sunday. You will later receive information regarding the **"Will You Serve?"** campaign and details regarding opportunities for your service commitment.

As you prayerfully consider what God would have you commit to His ministries at Living Word, it is my prayer that you do so with a sense of joy and appreciation of how God has blessed you. Paul wrote:

*"For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. But just as you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us – see that you also excel in this grace of giving."
(2 Corinthians 8: 3,7)*

We believe that you, as part of the Living Word family, are concerned enough to make every effort to join us in worship on **"Will You Grow?"** commitment Sunday to make your response. It will be a special time together! We look forward to seeing you there.

Grace and peace,

Mick Rembold, Executive Director
"Will You Grow?" Stewardship Campaign