



*Reverend Onetta Brooks
Interim Pastor*

September 23, 2012

Dear Saint of the MCC NOVA Faith Community,

MCC NOVA's 2013 Stewardship Campaign is underway and we invite you to be a part of it.

What does that mean? In the simplest terms, it means that we are asking you to reflect on and then make a commitment to give to MCC NOVA in 2013. And not only to give, but to give fully and extravagantly of yourself and your resources. In other words, to push your boundaries to help make 2013 at MCC NOVA "The Year of Giving Dangerously."

As you reflect on your own commitment, we recommend that you do so with deliberate, calculated abandon.

What should you give?

The best that you have, based on what you want MCC NOVA to become and do in 2013.

- The gift of your time, given freely to help NOVA become a vibrant center for spiritual growth, prayer, community life, and social action
- The blessing of your talents, given joyfully
- The gift of your financial resources, given in gratitude for all that you have, and thoughtfully, in light of MCC NOVA's very real fiscal needs

How much should you give?

As much as the Big 3—your Heart, your Mind, and your Faith—tell you to.

Why should you give? Because we are MCC NOVA, and we have great things to do in 2013—The Year of Giving Dangerously.

Your financial pledge card is included in your materials. Please return your pledge by October 14th. Cards can be placed either in the offering basket at service or mailed to church. The Board of Directors will use the pledges to propose a budget to the congregation in November.

Stay tuned for ongoing discussions about how you can give your personal best to MCC NOVA in 2013.

Sincerely,
The MCC NOVA Stewardship Team

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MCC NOVA 2013: The Year of Giving Dangerously

Five hundred twenty-five thousand

Six hundred minutes,

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Moments so dear.

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How do YOU measure, measure a year at MCC NOVA?

IN ANY GIVEN YEAR, MCC NOVA worships together. Sings together. Cries together—and buys Kleenex together. Gets good advice from the pulpit. Pays the pastor. Drinks gallons of coffee and filtered water. Ponies up at Safeway for java and cups. Participates in the AIDS Walk, rain or shine. Retreats to Seven Oaks for spiritual renewal. Lights candles. Replaces candles. Turns on lights. Blows fuses. Wakes up early on the first Sunday of every month to deliver breakfast bags to the homeless. Pays the COSTCO bill for the breakfast bags. Puts on attractive waders and cleans up Accotink Creek for Earth Week. Sponsors the Northern Virginia Interfaith Transgender Day of Remembrance Service in our sanctuary. Publishes weekly e-newsletters and bulletins, overwhelming the computer and the copier. Repairs the computer and the copier. Plays Bingo with wild abandon. Helps mentor clergy in training. Visits the sick, elderly, and incarcerated. Provides religious education for our kids. Buys Crayolas. Keeps a clean church house. Buys garbage bags. Flushes toilets. Buys toilet paper. Opens our facility to other congregations for worship. Collects clothes for the needy. Sends greeting cards. Purchases stamps. Puts the pride in Gay Pride Week. Makes service trips close to home and farther afield (think West Virginia and Costa Rica). Hosts a church-wide picnic and softball game. Dispenses BENGAY and Ace bandages after the game. Supports salaries for the music director, pianist, and office manager. Raises funds for the Northern Virginia AIDS Ministry. Takes communion together. Keeps wafers and wine in store. Hosts religious education classes. Sponsors a monthly peer-led gender support group. Performs marriages (yay!!!). Contributes to GLBTQ community and religious networks. Attempts to perfect the “Greet and Eat” a.k.a., church potluck. Walks for the homeless. Helps church members in need through the Charitable Giving Fund. Prays for our world. **CELEBRATES SPIRIT, COMMUNITY, ACTION, INSIDE AND “OUT”, 24x7x365!** And that is just for starters....

**Questions? Contact Gail Schulte., Mark Fox, Krystal Kimrey, Gail Minnick
or the church office for information or a pledge card.**

HOW TO GIVE!

ON-LINE BILL PAY

Many of us already pay our bills online through our bank. What you may not know is that you can do exactly the same for MCC NOVA! You simply set up an online payment to MCC NOVA the same way you do for any merchant or vendor. Since you don't have an account number with MCC NOVA, you'll simply include our full name and address and in the memo line state the amount of your pledge.

ON-LINE GIVING (CREDIT CARD or PayPal)

Do you earn miles or points when you charge purchases to your favorite credit card? Do you have a PayPal account? You can use your credit card or PayPal to make your regular offerings to MCC NOVA too! It is very easy—just go to our Donate webpage at mccnova.com or check out our newsletters and click on the DONATE NOW button. *(Please note that MCC NOVA does not encourage anyone to go into debt in order to give. If you are using a credit card, please do so responsibly.)*

TRADITIONAL GIVING

You know about this one. You just write a check, or place cash in a giving envelope, and place it in the offering basket.

NON-CASH ASSETS

If you have items of value that you wish to donate, that can be done as well. These can be items that MCC NOVA can use in its activities (office supplies, etc.) or they can be more valuable items that MCC NOVA can then sell to raise money. Check with us to make sure we can use your gift, and if so, MCC NOVA will give you a receipt stating that you've given an item of value. You can then designate a value for the item (which must be supportable) and deduct it on your taxes as a charitable gift.

PLANNED GIVING

This includes gifts made through your Will or by designating the church as a beneficiary of retirement benefits or life insurance distributions. For more information about planned giving, please contact the Treasurer.



PLEDGED GIVING

MCC NOVA can count on my regular support of \$_____:

☐ Monthly ☐ Bi-weekly ☐ Weekly ☐ Other

My contribution will be provided:

- ☐ In the offering collection during worship
- ☐ Via on-line bill pay
- ☐ Online at the Donate page at mccnova.com

My new pledge will be available:

- ☐ Immediately
- ☐ January 2013

ANNUAL/ONE-TIME CONTRIBUTION

My contribution will be provided:

- ☐ By check made payable to MCC NOVA
- ☐ Online at the Donate page at mccnova.com

I would like to give my gift:

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Remember, all of your donations to MCC NOVA are fully tax deductible in accordance with current IRS guidelines. We are a 501(c)3 organization.

Name(s) _____

☐ This is a family contribution

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please return your pledge by

Sunday, October 14th

You can drop it in the offering plate or mail it to:

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THANK YOU!