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. . . **Changing Lives**

Dear Friend,

Have you ever thought about how the law of compound interest works through our church community to change lives?

When Jane Doe's mother, Ellen Smith, passed away last summer, Jane said she's grateful for the love and support she received from her church community and from everyone who attended Ellen's memorial service. "This was a very sacred time for us. I don't know how people go through something like death and dying without the kind of support and love we received from St. John's Church," said Jane.

Recently, you could see it in Bob Jones' face as he Skyped with us in worship about his important work in the Middle East.

You can see it in action in our children's love and commitment to Nathan as they help pay for his living expenses so he no longer has to beg on the streets in India.

You see, it happens all the time at St. John's Church. We have an abundance . . . of love, of faith, and of commitment. And as we share it with others, we're **changing lives** together.

We're counting on you to give this year as we keep on **changing lives** at home and abroad through the important work we do together as a church community. If you haven't given before, consider this an invitation to a new awakening in your spiritual life, a new spiritual practice. You can make such a tremendous difference in the world, as you commit to share God's great abundance.

You are the only one who can decide how much to give. Please know that your commitment, whatever its size, makes a difference. We ask that you prayerfully consider how you are going to help St. John's Church continue to change lives in this world.

Commitment cards will be sent out on November 11, 2013. Just fill in the card with the amount you determine to show your love and commitment to our church community and the ministry we share. We hope you will bring your card with you and plan to be part of our grand stewardship celebration during worship on November 24<sup>th</sup>.

This is our mission—to **spread God's love**. This is how we're **changing lives**. Can we count on you this year? We certainly hope you'll join us as we make our commitments.

Yours in Christian love,

*Individual names of Stewardship Committee Members*

P.S. You know you can count on the St. John's Church community for love, friendship, help and support when you need it. Please know that your giving makes that possible.