



“Let Your Light Shine”

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. (Matt. 5:6)

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ! ***“Let your Light Shine,”*** our 2020 stewardship campaign statement, is taken from the Gospel of Matthew and calls us to be a beacon of light in the world. The lighthouse has long been a symbol associated with keeping ships safe from treacherous areas by sending out a continuous ray of light. I believe the same symbolism holds true for each and every one of us as disciples of Christ. We are called to be the same ray of light to save others from the dangers of this world. If we stop shining our light out in the world, lives may be in peril. I believe each and every one of us at ECA has a story to share about how our life has been blessed by the light of Christ. Each member shines the light of Christ in their own distinct way. Several years ago, darkness came into my own life and members of ECA were a beacon of light when I needed it, for which I am deeply grateful.

Each year, we make an appeal to ECA members to continue to financially support our ministry and mission, both faithfully and generously. I am overjoyed at the generosity of the people of ECA because we truly shine when we express our gratitude, confidence and willingness to take risks as agents of Jesus remaking the world. It is my hope that you are able to witness in some form or shape the benefits of your pledge and the light we have become for our community and the world. The Vestry and I ask for your continued generous financial support so we can continue to live out our mission statement in bold, new and exciting ways. *“Our Mission is to bear witness to God’s love and invite, encourage, and prepare God’s people to share that grace with others.”* During the next few weeks members of ECA will share written reflections on how the light of Christ has blessed their lives and impacted their stewardship. Please think about these things, and when the time comes for you to make your commitment, let the measure you give be the measure you get back. *(Luke 6:38)*

Faithfully, Fr. Paul+

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