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### **A Future with Hope**

Dear Fellow-Members of St. James',

What a challenging and stressful time this past 18 months of pandemic has been! Our way of living has changed so much, in ways which none of us would have imagined possible. Yet in the midst of the dark times, there is still much for which to be thankful to God: the sacrifice and service of healthcare and other frontline workers; the wisdom and expertise of medical and vaccine researchers; the benefit of virtual technology, such as Zoom; government grants which have supported so many organizations and individuals.

We give thanks too for the ways in which the life of our Parish of St. James has continued during this time: online worship, which has held us together in prayer; the community service based in our buildings – the Street Outreach, Watari with home-delivered meals, and the Saint James Music Academy; our supporting the First Nations gathering to honour and lament the 215 children – and so many more – whose graves were discovered at the Kamloops Indian Residential School. In so many ways St. James' seeks to shine as a beacon in our neighbourhood.

As our Province, our Country, the World, moves slowly out of the pandemic emergency, hear again the words of the prophet Jeremiah to the people of Israel exiled in Babylon so many centuries ago: "thus says our God, surely I know the plans I have for you, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." [*Jeremiah 29.10-14*]

Looking to the future with hope, we come now to our annual Stewardship Renewal. We are grateful for people's generosity, as always, and we are thankful too for the support we have received from the government's wage support program. Nonetheless, not surprisingly, we find that our income this year is lower than anticipated. To help us build the future with hope, we invite you to review your level of contribution – of time, talents and financial donation – to the life of St. James', as a sign of your thanksgiving for all God's mercies.

As you know, sadly Philip Green, our faithful and longstanding Envelope Secretary, died in June. We are grateful to Wayne Sample for taking on this important ministry. It will be particularly helpful this year for Wayne to receive your completed commitment cards, as he builds up a new database.

Mindful that the one who calls us is always faithful, let us look to the future with hope.

In gratitude, and with every blessing,

  
Fr. Kevin  
Rector

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### VISION STATEMENT

Discovering the beauty of holiness in our lives and neighbourhood, by living a  
Christ-centred sacramental life rooted in the Anglo-Catholic tradition.