

## October 18<sup>th</sup> Minute for Mission

As a Covenant people, we join together in a spiritual journey. It's a journey we take together with mutual support. The journey is not over a physical distance but is rather over a metaphysical distance, over time. As time passes, our spiritual field guide, Becky, helps us find an ever-closer connection with God by walking with us along the path marked by Jesus before us.

These are fearful times. We look to our connection with God, a connection we feel in each other, to help us walk courageously. That connection with God arises out of what we learn to do. What do we learn? We learn to follow the practices Jesus taught. We learn to pray. We learn to empty ourselves, to reject our false self. We learn to love. We learn to give.

Stewardship is not just about tossing money to someone else. It's about engaging in a worship practice of generosity, a generosity with the very community we are journeying with. Prosaically, we need to pay our spiritual field guide and our intrepid Sherpa, Melissa, who gives us needed logistical support. Prosaically, we need to maintain our physical facility, the place we will someday be returning to (hopefully sooner than 40 years).

At bottom, however, Stewardship is about expressing a trust in God, a faith. Giving our time and giving our money are both an integral part of taking this spiritual journey in community.

So please give attention to the pledge cards and pray over what you may be led to contribute to our mutual journey towards God's kingdom.