

## **Giving Back Commission** (Former "Outreach Committee)

Background: for decades All Saints Parish has committed to sharing a tithe of its total income to give to the benefit of non-parishioners in need as an expression of Christ's love for others. This Commission gives effect to that fiscal outreach intention. It is an important part of addressing issues in our area to improve peoples' lives.

- Include as members of the Commission the individuals who head up key aspects of annual outreach projects (e.g., Breakfast, Angel Tree, Food Pantry Collections, Heartfelt)
- Invite parishioner ideas about outreach beneficiaries and execution
- Annually develop recommendations to the Vestry of charitable organizations to receive a portion of our tithe and the recommended amounts for each organization (to be considered for part of the Parish Budget)
  - o Include in this recommendation an amount for "Direct Assistance" to provide a fund for assistance to individuals in need
  - o Coordinate with the Treasurer and the Finance Commission during the Vestry budgeting process to determine the projected tithe based on projected total income
  - o In developing the recommendations to the Vestry, consult with the Calvert Arts Festival Committee to determine whether inclusion of certain beneficiaries may help promote the overall success of the Festival.
- Plan and prepare fund-raising activities for outreach purposes to augment other Parish income (in coordination with the Finance and Connections Commissions) (Examples: Outreach Breakfast; Calvert Arts Festival; individual donations for Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets; donations by Parish-affiliated organizations and social groups; grants)
- Plan and prepare opportunities for Members and Friends to participate in charitable activities, such as: Angel Tree; Christmas in April; Food Pantries; Heartfelt, Holiday baskets.
- Plan and prepare to administer direct assistance to individuals, coordinating with the Treasurer, Rector (as to the Discretionary Fund) and outside assistance organizations to avoid waste of resources and to shape individual assistance for maximum benefit.

- Execute the outreach program in coordination with the Treasurer and the Finance Commission.
- In executing the outreach program, identify appropriate opportunities to inform the community of the program to increase outside interest and participation. Coordinate with the Connections Commission to accomplish this.