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Dear People of Hope:

Last year during our stewardship appeal, we built a culture of generosity. This year, we pray: *Change My Heart, O God*. As we pray and sing, we ask God to help us grow—in service, in love for God and others, and in generosity.

In the weeks ahead, we will be hearing more about our plans for ministry in 2024 through letters and newsletter articles, bulletin inserts and a brochure, a generosity tree and Pastor Sarah's conversations with members of Esperanza during Faith in Motion.

Though we are always growing by the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives, during this year's stewardship appeal, we invite you to consider how the Holy Spirit is nudging you to grow your financial gifts to Esperanza to make our ministry plans possible.

On Sunday, November 12, we will have the opportunity to return our intent cards in worship. People from whom a response has not been received by November 19 will be called to assure everyone has the opportunity to present their offering plan for the coming year.

Each Sunday throughout our stewardship appeal, we will pray:

You are the giver of all good gifts and we, the grateful recipients. **Change our hearts, O God.**

You provide abundantly for all we need. **Change our hearts, O God.**

You call us to generosity, to letting go, to sharing. **Change our hearts, O God.**

Increase our faith in you, our love for our neighbor, and our heart for your mission, that we might participate in what your Holy Spirit stirs up at Esperanza. **Change our hearts, O God.**

Change our hearts, O God, and by our generosity, may we be like you. **Amen.**

We give thanks to God for all the ways you bless this congregation and others!

With gratitude,

Esperanza Stewardship Team
Linda Dickson, Chuck Yount, Pastor Sarah

