

# BUILDING A CULTURE OF GENEROSITY



Last week, we returned our Statements of Intent for the *Building a Culture of Generosity effort*. We are certainly witnessing significant generosity from you.

37 Statements of Intent were received

25 of these Intents indicated an increase in generosity

9 of you indicated you would begin this new level of giving immediately

If you were unable to return your intent card last week, you can still send it in this week, or you can simply email Michael Wancata at [mwancata@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mwancata@sbcglobal.net) and your intent will be recorded from the email.

Please remember that intents are not binding, but are used for us to proclaim our faith, and to help the congregational leadership in making plans for the coming year.

## **A note of thanks:**

I'm delighted that so many of you joined me in returning your statement of intent last week! I'm also excited to see so many indicating an increase in generosity. We are blessed to be part of this faith community. On behalf of Council and my family, thank you for your generosity.

*Eric Carlson, Council President*

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## CONTINUE GROWING IN CHRIST

When do you stop giving and growing in giving? You don't. Growth in generosity is a journey.

If your giving is to be blessed and joyful, it must continue to grow and expand. For each person, that growth may look different! Some are motivated by a biblical tithe and then to grow to the concept of offerings. Others seek to grow by a percent a year and never stop their giving. While still others have the challenge to find a process to be more generous even in a case where their income has declined due to layoff, death, or divorce.

In each case, once you have experienced the joy of good and generous giving, you will want to keep on growing!



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