

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We can all be very proud of our parish's response to the outcry of the world's poorest and hungriest, and to God, who calls us to do justice and love mercy. Our vestry has committed 0.7% to support the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) through the work of Episcopal Relief and Development. We've had extensive educational presentations, including a seven-week Adult Forum series. And on July 1, we'll celebrate "MDG Sunday" with special services that focus on "the least of these" through music, prayers and sermons.

We're asking that you prayerfully consider your personal response to the MDGs. Can you commit to 0.7% financial giving? Will you commit time to praying or volunteering?

Please indicate your level of commitment on the reverse of this letter and bring it with you to church on July 1, where special offering baskets will be available to gather them.

- Enter as much information as you feel comfortable sharing. If you've already donated time or money, be sure to let us know! If you haven't yet, you'll find enclosed a listing of organizations and websites to help you decide where to give your support.
- If you want us to forward your payment to the charity of your choice, be sure to make it out to them, and not to St. James.' *Payments to St. James' will have to be returned. Undesignated payments will be forwarded to Episcopal Relief and Development.*
- Fold the letter over with the form inside, to protect your privacy. If you are enclosing a check, tape or staple the form shut to keep it from falling out!
- Bring the form with you to church. Baskets will be available when you come forward for communion.

Thank you for supporting the Millennium Development Goals and for being a part of What One Church Can Do!

In Christ's peace,

Rev. Cynthia O. Baskin
Rector

Rev. Elton Smith
Assistant Rector

Jerry Morrison
Chair of Missions and Outreach

Ann Finch
MDG Coordinator

Here's what I can do!

- I'm committing 0.7% to support the MDGs!
- I'm not committing 0.7% at this time, but I will commit something to support the MDGs.
- I intend to move toward 0.7% giving. Yes No



Amount given (*optional*): _____

My support is going to (*enter organization name*):

*(Please remember that we will have to return any checks made out to St. James.'
Undesignated donations will be sent to Episcopal Relief and Development.
A list of organizations and websites is enclosed.)*

I have joined (*check as many as apply*)...

- ONE Episcopalian <<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/ONE>>
- the ONE Campaign <<http://www.ONE.org>>

- I commit to praying for achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.
- I commit to volunteer time to support (*specify organization, cause or Goal(s)*):

- I commit to tell others about the Millennium Development Goals.

The following identifying information is optional and will be separated from financial information by church officers.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

- Tell me what more I can do!
- I need more information about: _____
