

## **St. Paul's on the Green**

### **Funding Sustainability Task Force**

**St. Paul's Funding Sustainability Task Force is being convened to achieve...**

#### **One really big, audacious goal:**

**How can St. Paul's increase its annual revenue by 50% without relying on increased membership giving?**

#### **What?**

The focus of this task force will be to generate and vet REALLY BIG, AUDACIOUS ideas about how this goal can be accomplished. The purpose of this exercise is to identify a way to diversify St. Paul's current funding model and to generate new major sources of funding that would help sustain our congregation alongside the generous giving from its members.

#### **Why?**

Despite having its enthusiastic and generous membership and the annual pledges they give back to our church, St. Paul's continues to find itself in a position where it is forced to make difficult decisions each year in choosing between cutting programs at the church or going into debt to sustain them. While many past efforts have shown success in increasing membership giving, St. Paul's has not been able to move past this financial reality. Now faced with a possible economic downturn as well as ongoing major capital needs, and looking to a future of ministry that is even more expansive and engaged with the wider community, the leadership at St. Paul's believes identifying new major sources of funding for the church will be the financial "game changer" that is needed to ensure St. Paul's sustained growth long into the future.

#### **How?**

The Funding Sustainability Task Force welcomes participation from any member of the congregation who has a BIG, AUDACIOUS idea they would like to share that addresses this challenge. Members may attend just one meeting, or many! There will be a permanent group of 3 – 4 members chosen by the Wardens who have the skills and experience necessary to vet the feasibility of proposed ideas to help identify possible solutions which will then be proposed to the Vestry. Anthony Crisci has been asked to convene and facilitate this task force as one of the permanent members.