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Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ this Thanksgiving, may you have truly blessed time with family, friends or your community in this time when we remember all that we are thankful for.

October is an important time in the life of Grace Church. This year we mark our sixth anniversary since founding, we are hosting our second annual community Thanksgiving meal and at the end of October we will be hosting our Night of Mission and Music, with musical performances by our choir and the choir of the Barbados Ex-Police and keynote address given by world-renowned preacher and teacher Tony Campolo. October is also important on a personal level as it marks two years since I assumed the role of senior priest and pastor at Grace Church.

As I reflect on the past two years, I am struck not by the challenges or uncertainty we have experienced, but rather by the wonderful ministry that we as a church have participated in and how many people have contributed. As we undertook an audit of all our ministry, I was overjoyed to discover how many people participate in the life of Grace Church on a weekly basis, so many behind the scenes making sure our outreach, education, worship and pastoral care ministries run.

I am so very grateful for the work of countless members of this parish who volunteer their time, talent and treasure to ensure that we are able to live into our calling to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ by word and deed here in South Scarborough. I am grateful to all of you members of this church, past and present, who have brought us this far by your prayers, your presence, your offerings and your encouragement.

Enclosed with this letter you will find the first Narrative Budget of Grace Church, prepared by our Stewardship Committee. You'll notice there are no monetary figures – those will come later – but rather we wanted to you to discover for yourself – just as we did – how much vibrant life and ministry there is at Grace Church.

Grace Church is not the building we worship in; it is not even the leadership – Grace Church is you. You are a blessing to me and the leadership of Grace Church, and I thank God that you who read this letter are in some way a part of this great adventure that began six years ago.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Graham McCaffrey", with a small cross symbol at the end.

Rev. Graham McCaffrey

Our mission is to **worship** God and **proclaim** Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit and to **embody** – in word and action – God's reconciling love, justice, compassion and liberation, through which knowledge of God's reign is extended.



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