

Dear Trinity Family,

When we gathered together for our first worship service as a new church plant on Easter Sunday 2019, no one anticipated that less than a year later we would be separated as a community due to a global pandemic. And now, an almost unthinkable sixteen months later, we are reemerging from this season of hibernation, fear, and isolation. The task in front of us as a young church is *rebuilding together* – from gathering weekly for worship, to creating safe and celebratory spaces for our children on Sundays, to reengaging with our neighbors, to simply learning how to flex the atrophied muscles of hospitality.

As community life at Trinity regains momentum this summer we are inviting each of you at Trinity to rediscover the beauty of the embodied church through the *Together* initiative. And as we begin to play together, serve together, and grow together – we are also inviting and asking each of you who call Trinity home to "give together."

Why "give together"? One reason is simply practical. Like any new start-up, it takes time for a new church to become financially independent and self-sustaining. Most statistics say it can take 3-5 years, if not longer, for a church to begin building its monthly reserve. Said differently, as a church plant we're still establishing our base of regular givers. This is a normal and expected part of the church planting process. The other reason is theological. Giving regularly and generously to your local church (and other outside ministries) is one expression of a heart that's been moved by the gospel (2 Cor 9:6-7). Money can so easily creep onto the throne of our hearts. Giving financially, then, is a significant way to practice the ways of Jesus as a community.

The 2020/21 fiscal year was unique as our expenses were drastically reduced due to limited rent at Design 39, no Children's Ministry, and no Worship Director for much of the year. God was so gracious to us this last year. As we enter into this next year, we are thankful to have a new venue for worship at Maranatha School, new ministry staff, and a compelling vision for deepening our resolve to be a church that "exists to make and mature followers of Jesus for the renewal of our city."

Many of you have already made the decision to support the work and ministry of Trinity financially. We're so thankful. For those of you who have yet to make a regular financial commitment to Trinity, would you prayerfully consider doing so? Ministry only moves forward together. And the church is a together community – learning to live, love, serve, grow, and give – for the glory of God and the good of one another and our city. It's a joyful privilege to be a part of this vision with each of you.

With much love and gratitude,

Pastor Jonathan & the Trinity Leadership Team



next steps

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