

## A Moment for Stewardship



## Why I Give....

For those of you who do not know me well, I will start by introducing myself. My name is Erin Hayes and I am originally from Yarmouth, NS.

Three fun facts about me: I love to travel, my favorite food is sushi and I am a good swimmer.

Two years ago, I graduated from UNB (Fredericton) with a degree in Engineering and I love that I have been fortunate to stay for work. I have enjoyed attending St. Paul's for over a year now. Today, I feel blessed to make St. Paul's United my church home as I officially become a member here!

As a new member, I feel strongly about stewardship but this was a new concept for me. Growing up in the church and learning by example, I saw that engaging and giving back was important but the idea of stewardship was never mentioned. In addition, living in a large, multicultural city for the first 10 years of my life had a profound influence. I witnessed poverty and despair that overcame people's lives on my way to and from school. We all have a part to play in making a difference in our community, but more importantly, this is what God calls us to do.

I enjoy giving back through spending time volunteering teaching Sunday school, helping lead Friday night Youth Group, as well as making monthly donations through PAR. I strongly support the youth and the work that the Refugee Committee does. When I was a youth myself, I was actively involved in many church rallies/events and it does make a difference in their lives. Personally, I have never experienced danger or displacement (as many of us have not in Canada) and imagining the experiences that the Refugee families have had to face is heartbreaking. I pray that we will continue to support the youth at St. Paul's and the refugee families so that their new beginnings here are positive and welcoming.

## Welcoming of New Member

Erin Hayes

May 20th, 2018

### Statement of Purpose

### Presentation of New Member

### Prayer (Unison)

*Gracious God, giver of life, you have called us by name and pledge to each of us your faithful love. We pray today for your blessing on Erin, watch over her and guide her as she continues to grow in faith. Remind us of the promises of our own baptism, and renew our trust in you. Strengthen us to do your will, and to serve you with joy, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen*

### Commitment of New Member

### Congregational Commitment (Responsive)

Dear friends in Christ, let us pledge to these persons our support and care.

*As your brothers and sisters in Christ, we rejoice in the gifts you bring to us. We pledge you our love and our support. With God's help, we will together live out the mission and ministry of Christ's Church.*

### Profession of Faith

VU 918

### Presentation of Gift

### Laying on of Hands

### Congregation Welcome (Responsive)

Let us offer a heartfelt welcome to our sibling in faith.

*In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you to the privileges and responsibilities of membership in this community of faith. We give thanks to God for your witness among us.*

### Blessing (Responsive)

The grace of Christ attend you,  
*the love of God surround you,*  
the Holy Spirit keep you.  
*Amen.*