



HOW TO USE 'A WONDER INVENTORY'

The attached 'wonder inventory' is a terrific way for stewardship leaders to begin engaging vestry members and other church leaders with the 'Wonder in All' annual giving program. Simply use the timeline below to plan conversations with your clergy, vestry, and ministry leaders—allowing *them* to tell *you* the stories of impact ministries have within your church and out in your community.

Listen for story details and, when possible, ask for specific numbers. Could one of the stories be a 'ministry minute' or a written reflection during your fall campaign? Could one of the numbers be an impact statement in your pledge letter? Did a conversation bubble up during the discussion that could become a call to action for the new program year?

Attend the vestry meeting with another stewardship friend to ensure you have full notes on the conversations. Then use these notes and the 'wonder inventory' as you craft the pledge letter—they will practically write themselves! Vestry members will be delighted to read that their 'wonder sightings' are included in the letters to the congregations, and congregation members will be delighted to read how their vital ministries are impacting lives—including their own.

DATES

_____ (June—July) Contact wardens and clergy to discuss annual giving at a summer vestry meeting. Should you attend a pre-meeting with the wardens and clergy to describe the campaign? Consider how much time would be optimal on the agenda for 1) describing the theme 2) distributing and taking the 'wonder inventory' 3) distributing pledge cards, should you choose to ask vestry members to pledge early

_____ (June—July) Attend vestry meeting with plenty of copies of 'A Wonder Inventory' on pg. 2

_____ (June—July) Send a thank you note by e-mail or written by hand to the vestry

_____ (July—August) Use the information provided to craft the congregational welcome letter, pledge letters, posters, and other materials for your fall campaign. If your wardens and/or clergy assist in writing materials, ensure they have copies of your collated 'wonder inventories,' too!



A WONDER INVENTORY: WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

In the Book of Common Prayer, the prayer after baptism includes giving the newly baptized “an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and *wonder in all* your works.”

Congregational leaders like you are often witness to these ‘gifts of joy and wonder in all’ within your church and around your community. Using the icons below, take a moment to ‘inventory’ these moments of Christ among us. In the past year how have you seen, heard, or known the Holy Spirit at work? Breathe deeply, close your eyes, and pray about the sights and sounds ... then choose images below that corresponds to the moments and write descriptions next to them. If you don't find a image that matches, create your own in the lower right. What a story of wonder all around you!




































