

## TOGETHER, indeed!

**Where the bricks are fallen**

**We will build with  
new stone**

**Where the word is  
unspoken**

**We will build with  
new speech**

**There is work together**

**A Church for all**

**And a job for each**

...

**What life have you if you  
have not life together?**

**There is no life that is not  
in community,**

**And no community not lived  
in praise of God.**

– “Choruses from ‘The Rock’,” T.S. Eliot;  
excerpts from sections 98 and 101

affirming as it does the centrality of our life lived together in community and praise of God. Only recently have I seen the verses



which precede it, linking our communal life with the endeavor of building up – literal and figurative. The Together Now campaign has been a remarkable enterprise of building up. Some of that has been the literal bricks and stone of Eliot’s verse, projects typical of capital campaigns: upgrades to the Barbara C. Harris Center; the major renovation and transformation of our Cathedral Church of St. Paul; green grants and loans providing boilers, windows and solar panels at parish churches; and the innumerable capital projects enabled by collaborative campaigns in congregations throughout our diocese.

Other building up has been of a different nature, manifestations of Eliot’s “life together in community” that have provided

**T**he latter verse has long been a touchstone for me, formative and life-changing experiences: young adult community and leadership development; varied programs with children and youth; hub ministry collaborations from afterschool creative arts to elder-care ministries; medical and educational endeavors with global mission partners around the world; and more.

As I have made my way around the diocese in these first three years as your bishop, I’ve heard countless testimonies not only to the gratitude people feel at being part of so much vital work in our diocese and beyond, but to the strengthening of communal bonds created by the collaborative campaigns in their own parishes.

The legacies of Together Now are myriad; the connections forged will endure. This work has led directly and fruitfully to our mission strategy goals of further building up our diocesan community, and ever-greater collaboration with one another and mission partners. There is, indeed, “work together, a Church for all, and ... no community not lived in praise of God.”

Thank you for your support of Together Now, and the work to which God calls us in the future – together!

Faithfully and gratefully,  
*The Rt. Rev. Alan M. Gates*

## It was 2010 when we began planning for the Together Now campaign

with hopes to raise \$20 million for diocesan projects that needed an infusion of support for their next chapter. What evolved over the next years was a multifaceted effort to engage all our congregations in an endeavor that would build community, empower mission and elevate the vision for stewardship in our congregations, our diocese and the entire Episcopal Church. The money has been important, certainly. Yet, the other, less-tangible gifts that have been realized, I think, are much more precious. And through it all, God’s faithfulness has shone and God’s bounty has been revealed again, and again, and again.

My tenure as the diocesan director of development has now concluded. I dearly loved my time serving among you and I take with me deep admiration for your generosity, your creativity and your faithfulness to your respective congregations. And while this is the final Together Now update you’ll receive in this form, the work continues. If you have an outstanding pledge, please continue to pay it to completion so that the promises that reside on those commitments can be honored. Please continue to be a committed, active participant in your congregation. Please pledge generously to your parish’s annual campaign so that God’s mission might be extended. And please continue to dance in the creative, loving and generous light of God. – *Lynd Matt*





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## TOGETHER NOW CAMPAIGN COLLECTIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Because of the generosity and faithfulness of thousands of donors, millions of dollars have gone forth to fund the priorities of the Together Now campaign. Thank you for carrying this work forward through your payments, participation and prayer.

### TOTAL PLEDGE COLLECTIONS (AS OF 12/31/17)

*88% of nearly \$32 million committed diocesanwide*

**\$28,217,916**

### DISBURSEMENTS

Parish share of collaborative campaigns (as of 12/31/17)	<b>\$9,309,810</b>
Tithing for Mission Beyond Our Diocese (reflects funds to be reallocated)	<b>\$1,165,077</b>
Green Grants	<b>\$902,994</b>
Green Loans, net of repayments	<b>\$488,032</b>
Mission Hubs (including Youth and Young Adult Ministries)	<b>\$4,577,043</b>
Mission Institute	<b>\$682,677</b>
Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center	<b>\$1,855,000</b>
Cathedral Church of St. Paul Renovations	<b>\$4,000,000</b>
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$22,980,633</b>

### MONEY AVAILABLE FOR DISBURSEMENT IN 2018

Tithing for Mission Beyond Our Diocese	<b>\$250,000</b> <i>(estimated)</i>
Green Grants	<b>Completed</b>
Green Loans	<b>\$350,000</b>
Mission Hubs (including Youth and Young Adult Ministries)	<b>\$950,000</b> <i>(estimated)</i>
Mission Institute	<b>\$167,000</b>
Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center	<b>Completed</b>
Cathedral Church of St. Paul Renovations	<b>Completed</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,717,000</b>
<i>(parish share not yet available)</i>	