

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:1-2

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Dear Calvary Family,

We are so grateful to be asked this year to lead Calvary's Annual Stewardship Campaign, *Walk in Love*. It is a theme that is particularly close to our hearts because on most mornings, we are the only couple in our neighborhood who walk 1.73 miles holding hands. This theme calls us to remember that our greatest gift to each other and to our church community is how we align, how we come together in love for our shared purpose and mission. For the past 10+ years, we have experienced this special love that Calvary brings.

During this season, we talk a lot about money and budgets because these things are necessary for the functioning of the church, but our real focus is on what our gifts can do for others. Jesus calls us to heal, visit, feed, protect, advocate for, and love our neighbor. In other words, *Walk in Love*. Sharing our time, talent, and treasure is how we make this happen.

Each of us hears this call differently, just as we have been blessed by God differently. Our talents and training have been gifts freely given to us so that we may share them with others in need. How will you respond to God's call to *Walk in Love* this year?

Here are some important dates to mark on your calendar:

October 6	Kick-off Sunday
November 8	Stewardship Celebration Dinner at Brookwood – all are invited
November 10	Giving Sunday: Placing our commitment cards on the altar

We invite you to consider your commitment to Calvary for the year to come. Pray about it, go for a walk and talk about it, as we will. Have discussions and discern how God is calling you to share your gifts. On Sunday, November 10, we will *Walk in Love* as we place our pledge cards on the altar. Please join us there!

With Love,

Deb and Oscar

Deb Hartman and Oscar Lozano