

From the Desk of the Senior Warden

The response to the call for good stewardship was one of the most encouraging things I saw at Holy Trinity this past year, particularly in these difficult financial times when everyone has been affected by the weak economy. Less encouraging was the evening of the Open House for the Children's Program that featured the Resurrection Choristers from the Anglican Church of the Resurrection in San Marcos. The evening began with a walkthrough by Stephanie Turney of the beautifully arranged classroom upstairs. The room was in exquisite order from the little altar at one end to the work tables with fun and creative games at the other. The only problem? Almost no one came! Later, during the beautiful singing program and reception on the patio, I looked around and couldn't help but notice that most of the attendees by far were the visitors from Resurrection. It was wonderful to have them but I couldn't help but wonder where the Holy Trinity folks were. All this is not to berate a church family already spread thin, but instead to take note of an area we need to give more importance and that is our children. They are so important to the life and future of our parish that we all must invest ourselves in lifting the children's programs up. Old and young, single, married, surrounded by family or living alone, we can all support the children's ministries by showing up to their activities, getting our cars washed by the youth, greeting the young people in the hall, helping their teachers and leaders, and in a thousand other ways big and small. I believe this will prove to be one of the most important areas of ministry for our parish in the coming years as we grow in our orthodox Anglican tradition. We have something so important and so life-giving to offer in the beauty and truth of our worship and parish life that I hope we will all come forward to reach out to our children and the children in our communities to give them hope and strength and a place to grow in Christ's love.

Yours in Christ, Melissa Cochran, Senior Warden