

January 31, 2024

Dear friends,

This letter comes to thank you for your financial investment in Blue Route Vineyard Community Church in 2023 and to provide you a record of it. And truly, on behalf of the Board of Trustees and the Church Council, thank you. We are working together to build a church community that pleases God. It is an intentional community, focused on becoming like Jesus and representing him authentically in this place and time. ***This won't happen accidentally.*** We are following Jesus together; letting his voice (as expressed by his life, by scripture and by a humble, mutually submitted church family) shape us.

So we give; and we pray, we meet, we comfort, we challenge each other and we work together. We love each other and remind each other of Jesus. We hold the door for one another and pray that we end up holding the door for others who struggle to see God in this chaotic world.

Just today I met with two people who fit that description, both of whom have been helped by our church. Who knows how many people would say the same? Thank you for your part in making it possible. Barb and I believe strongly that the money we invest in this church is the best money we spend every year. I'm very glad we're not alone. Thank you.

Some details: Together in 2023, we gave \$419,908 to the work and existence of our church. As with the other post-Covid years, that income did not meet our expenses and we met that gap with the surplus saved in previous years. In addition to our core giving, we also gave in several designated ways. We gave \$5,725 to the Generosity Box which allows us to serve those in our area who desperately need food and shelter. We teamed Convoy of Hope to add \$9,246 to their One Day to Feed the World campaign. Working with Amoveo, we gathered food, clothes and furnishing for refugees from around the world. And we gave \$2,605 to the Nehemiah Fund to support new church plants, our most recent being Gathering Delco led by Amy Ross.

Highlights from the year include growth in attendance, a new monthly prayer meeting, the addition of Grace Templin to our staff as our new Youth Group intern and a robust year of youth ministry to go with it, a wide variety of guest worship leaders filling in ably (with a tip of the hat to Jessa Ruhf for offering our hospitality and working to blend them with our musicians), a visit from National Director, Jay Pathak, a weekend conference with Robin Morrison, another round of Alpha and more fruit in the lives of Alpha graduates.

Again, please accept my heartfelt gratitude for your generous giving. I urge you to join me with prayerful faith as we answer the call of God.

His and yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark D. Tindall". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with some loops and flourishes.

Mark D. Tindall
lead pastor