

# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Rev. Fr. Christopher M. Rodriguez, Rector

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Dear members of Trinity Church,

All of you know that Trinity Church is a very special place and a unique presence in Red Bank. For 175 years, She has proclaimed the changeless truth that Jesus Christ is Lord. And in worshipping at Trinity, each of us has felt, at one time or another, as Jacob did in his stirring words from Genesis, "Surely the Lord is in this place." (Gen 28:16).

On behalf of the Vestry, we are writing to request your urgent response to meet a critical need. While Trinity prepares for expected growth and the Lord's continued provision and blessing, we are faced with an immediate need for additional financial support.

In 2010 the Vestry included in our budget the amount of \$24,000 in expected rental income from the Rumson Fair Haven Academy, a small preschool currently operating in Fair Haven. We recently learned that the Academy is unable to lease our space, a situation that has required us to draw on our very modest reserves to cover the shortfall. This shortfall in income was completely unexpected and, as good stewards of the parish finances, the Vestry must work to find a solution.

Pledge income at Trinity continues to increase as people catch the vision of this parish and continue to work towards their tithe. Your gift at this time towards the \$24,000 shortfall will be critical to preserving for the future the 175 year legacy of Trinity Church without having to cut programs or staff. If every pledge unit in this parish increased their giving by just \$10 per week, we would be able to cover this shortfall comfortably.

Enclosed is a contribution card and return envelope. Thank you for your anticipated generosity and continued support. We urge you to consider this request prayerfully and respond as soon as you can so that we can discuss the situation as a Body at our parish meeting on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Yours in Christ,



Anthony Fusco  
Senior Warden



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Junior Warden.

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