

May 2020

Dear Friends,

Mary went to the tomb that first Easter morning, found it empty and her life was changed. From that moment on, she spoke, taught, and lived her life in the Word and world of the resurrected Christ. The disciples called Mary the Migdal – the tower. She was, for them a place of strength at the centre of their circle, amid their grief and anxiety.

Amid pandemic anxiety, loss and isolation ESG is working tirelessly to be that tower of strength and stability as we learn new ways of being church.

We are actively reducing our expenditures, to soften the financial impact of COVID 19. As a congregation, we are lucky to have financial resources available in our “savings account.” Still, the reality is that we are facing challenging year-end results for our ESG Local Operations as June 30th approaches.

Revenue is our challenge.

Loss of Easter offering revenue -\$10k
Loss of rental income -\$30k

Donations below budget YTD -\$48k & prior year -\$20k
Loss of Spring Rummage Sale -\$30k

IN ADDITION TO MONTHLY PAR DONATIONS, OUR GOAL IS TO RAISE \$130K BY JUNE 30TH

Thank you for your support of ESG. It is a congregation, a church family, that we are all proud to be a part of, and I am so glad that you call ESG home, for your life of faith. Amid this challenging and stressful time, I am asking you to help us continue in ministry together.

ESG has weathered storms and continued to find strength in the clear voice that reminds us that we are called and enabled to change the world through the gift of our faith. Can you help us come closer to meeting our June 30th budget in this moment of vulnerability?

This moment of vulnerability is not unique to ESG – our outreach ministry partners are experiencing significant increases in need. We want to increase our financial help, strengthening our relationship with four critical, longstanding, outreach ministry partners. They too are working hard to be towers of support and strength to those they serve. Look online for more information about our partners: www.esgunited.org/local-outreach.

MASSEY CENTRE—FRED VICTOR CENTRE—TORONTO URBAN NATIVE MINISTRY—STREET HEALTH

Please also consider donating to increase our Outreach Ministry Pandemic Support to these organizations.

Thank you for the gift of your presence at ESG. Thank you for your support of this ministry we call home together. Thank you in advance for helping us reach our June 30th goal as the Ministry of ESG moves into the future confidently.

Wherever the path of life may lead us, wherever the journey may go, we are not alone.

Thanks be to God!



Rev. Dr. Paul Hutchison, ESG Lead Minister

There are various ways to donate.

1. **MAIL** a cheque payable to Eglinton St. George's United Church, 35 Lytton Blvd, Toronto, ON, M4R 1L2. We also have an outdoor mailbox at the church so that you can drop your cheque off.
2. **ONLINE** @ www.esgunited.org/giving, and click on the donate button.
3. **EMAIL** or **PHONE** our bookkeeper Irina Denissova to donate using your credit card or to increase your monthly **MONTHLY PAR GIVINGS** (automatic bank transfer or credit card) bookkeeper@esgunited.org, 416-481-1141 x230.
4. **DONATING SECURITIES** - Eliminate the capital gains tax that you'd have to pay if you sold the securities giving the proceeds. Instructions are on the ESG website. www.esgunited.org/giving.