

Rooted in Love - Stewardship 2026

And some seed fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold.

Luke 8:7

Dear Member of Messiah,

Experienced wine makers know that where the roots of the vine are planted makes a significant difference in how the final product tastes. Great soil makes great wine. Likewise, where we have our roots determines our character and the type of fruit we produce. We are God's good soil, with our roots deeply connected to His love. The results are amazing; good fruit in abundance for all to enjoy.

Rooted in Love is our stewardship theme for 2026. Knowing our roots are linked to a God whose love is unconditional and unbounded, we are expecting to grow our ministries in 2026. Areas of focus for growth are the following: 1) Overall Growth in Ministry Excellence 2) Youth and Children Ministry via One Mile Mission 3) Music Ministry.

Even though Messiah has successful ministries in these areas, the funding has always come from outside the operating budget of the congregation (except for music personnel). Our hope is to grow our giving to the point where we can fund these special ministries through normal budgetary line items. This will allow us to plan and utilize resources for long term growth and excellence.

We need your help. First complete a financial pledge card for the 2026 calendar year. This helps us plan for possible ministry expansion. Next consider increasing your year over year contributions to Messiah. Annual inflation is running at around 3%, which translates to higher costs for Messiah to just stay even. We want to grow. Also, consider making a larger commitment of your time to volunteer for the different serving opportunities in Messiah's ministries. Finally, contemplate growing your spiritual life through educational programs offered at Messiah.

Here is a link <https://messiahvancouver.org/give/online-pledge-2026> to complete an online pledge card for 2026. Paper versions of the pledge card are also available at worship. Complete and put in the offering plate.

Thank you for your continued support as together we strive to grow the Kingdom of God.

Doug Ruecker

Messiah Financial Secretary