Reflection on Stewardship

We are created by God to be stewards of this world. We have no option…we are stewards. Our option is the kind of steward we are. What God intends for us is joy and a feeling of abundant life. The more we live into the image of God, the more joyful we will be. God gives to us lavishly, sacrificially, and without reserve. As we strive to give the way God gives, we grow into a deeper relationship with God. When we truly feel grateful to God, we can begin to feel the abundance God provides. We are called to love others as Christ loved us; to be caretakers of others, of our world, of our time, of our emotions, of our relationships… of all life!

So therefore, I believe

The tithe is a response to the abundance God bestows upon us.
It is the joyful, loving, good-will gift,
Sent forth to God's purposes,
Given to be made Holy,
It is given first as faithful witness of trust that God will provide.
It is given proportionally as a faithful discipline of a Holy habit.
It is given without reserve, as God loves us without reserve.
The result is that the gift becomes love and the giver grows into a deeper relationship with God.

We, the members of this Diocesan Council of the Diocese of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island, believing in the abundance God provides in every aspect of our lives, affirm that, with God's help, we will be faithful stewards of God's gifts.