



# Walk in Love Village



As a minority member of Trinity Cathedral, Sacramento, I am grateful for the opportunity to reflect on the stewardship theme and the call to “Walk in Love.” My journey to this community began nearly 30 years ago when I immigrated from Sierra Leone in West Africa to pursue a better life for myself and my family.

Since then, I have been blessed to serve in various capacities within my church and broader community. My involvement as an usher, livestream volunteer, lector, vestry chaplain, and Eucharistic minister has been a source of great joy and fulfillment. These roles have allowed me to express my dedication to the Anglican Church, a commitment that has been a central part of my life since childhood. My life’s journey has provided me with a unique perspective on the concept of stewardship. As the African proverb goes “It Takes a Village” expresses the notion that success and overcoming obstacles frequently involve the assistance, collaboration, and group effort of others, which was deeply ingrained in my upbringing and highlighted the value of community, cooperation, and teamwork in achieving long-term objectives.

This makes me aware of the value of community, the importance of supporting one another, and the power of love in transcending cultural boundaries. Stewardship, to me, is about more than just financial contributions—it is about giving of oneself, sharing one’s talents, and fostering a spirit of love and inclusivity within the community. Matthew 25:14-30 is a parable that teaches about the importance of using one’s talents or abilities wisely.

As I reflect on the phrase Walk in Love, I am reminded of the profound impact that love can have when expressed through our actions. Walking in love demonstrates care and concern for others, fosters a sense of belonging, and builds a community rooted in compassion and empathy. Through this lens of love, I approach my stewardship responsibilities, seeking to nurture a community where everyone feels seen, heard, and supported. Together, let us walk in love, embracing our differences and nurturing a community where everyone can thrive and contribute their unique gifts to the greater good. | [tens.org](https://tens.org)

## Questions for Reflection:

What is an experience of collaboration you have had in your life that demonstrates how we combine our skills to create community?



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