

Stockton Grace Promotes Alternative Christmas Giving

Stockton Grace UMC is encouraging a less-commercialized Christmas this year, with “A Pledge for Christmas Shoppers” borrowed from Greensboro UMC in the Peninsula Annual Conference.

“I believe that Christmas is the joyful celebration of the birth of Christ,” says the pledge, “therefore, I commitment myself to celebrate it in a way that is faithful to its meaning.” It offers practical behaviors under three statements about Jesus. For example, it states, “I will avoid gifts that are gadgets, made by complicated, energy-consuming processes that excessively pollute the environment,” “I will celebrate Christmas by sharing of myself more than of my property,” and “I will not engage in excess of eating, drinking, partying or anything that will reduce the freedom of myself or of others.”

To receive a copy of this Christmas pledge, contact Grace UMC at (209) 464-6121