



We read in Philippians 3:13b-14, *"...forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."*

It sounds in these verses as though Paul is making a choice on how to live out his baptized life in Christ. His first resolution is to forget what lies behind.

What likely lies behind are expectations that sometimes were met and sometimes were not. We might have similar mixed feelings about our past efforts. The 2025-26 Mission 1-1-1 campaign might be among these efforts.

Paul's second resolution is to strain forward to what lies ahead. Pressing on toward the goal is how he will live his baptized life before he is called home. Paul knew there was work he still needed to do before he was called home to be with Christ. We also have work that we still need to do.

Mission 1-1-1 is just one of the many ways in which we can live our baptized life in Christ, both as individuals and as a church body. Like Paul, we can choose to recommit to this important work that saves souls by the grace of Word and Sacrament ministry and mission.