

One Dollar – a Skit on Giving

Narrator:	<p>Come with me. I want you to meet someone. The year is 1966 and this is Marge.</p> <p><i>(Marge walks up in front of the group)</i></p> <p>Marge is getting ready for her Lutheran Women church meeting. She is newly married and this is her first meeting. She wants to be properly dressed so she has her hat, her white gloves, her lovely dress, and her nylons to wear with her new fancy shoes all laid out on her bed.</p> <p><i>(Marge puts on her hat)</i></p> <p>By her pocket book she has her Bible and her \$1.00 for offering so she won't forget them.</p> <p><i>(Marge holds up the large \$1.00 and the chorus standing off to the side of the narrator says in unisons. "One dollar" quietly. Marge exits.)</i></p>
Narrator:	<p>A few years has passed. Here is Marge again.</p> <p><i>(Marge returns to the front.)</i></p> <p>She has been searching for her true identity and seems to have found it with her flowers and peace-symbol necklace.</p> <p><i>(Hold up peace necklace.)</i></p> <p>She soothes her panty hose one more time.</p> <p><i>(Marge adjusts her flowers.)</i></p> <p>and grabs her \$1.00 for offering and heads off to her meeting.</p> <p><i>(Marge holds up the large \$1.00 and the chorus again repeats "One dollar" a little louder. Marge exits.)</i></p>

Narrator:	<p>Times have changed in Marge's house. She slips into her pantsuit and her flats and grabs her jacket. She bundles up her baby and heads for the car. Whoops, she almost forgot her dollar for offering for Lutheran Women church meeting.</p> <p><i>(Marge heads back to pick up her \$1.00 and shows it to the audience before exiting. Chorus repeats "One dollar" again increasing the volume. Marge exits.)</i></p>
Narrator:	<p>Marge rushed into her Lutheran Women church meeting a few minutes late because her PTA meeting ran overtime.</p> <p><i>(Marge rushes in as if she is out of breath.)</i></p> <p>It is a good thing that jeans go everywhere these days because there is never time for her to change. She reaches into her back pocket for her \$1.00 offering.</p> <p><i>(Marge displays the large \$1.00 to the audience and the chorus repeats "one dollar" increasing the volume. Marge exits.)</i></p>

<p>Narrator:</p>	<p>It is 1996, Marge has just walked two miles in her new workout clothes.</p> <p><i>(Marge walks briskly onto stage with sweatshirt on)</i></p> <p>She must hurry and shower so she won't be late to her Lutheran Women church meeting. Her circle is honoring her today for her 30 years of membership in the group. She stops to consider.</p> <p>(Narrator pauses) Should she give two dollars today in honor of this occasion?</p> <p><i>(Marge looks pensive.) (Marge exits)</i></p>
	<p>O.K. Marge it's now 2008, you've come a long way baby, but you have a long way to go in thinking about your giving to the Women of the ELCA. What your dollar could accomplish for world missions and relief programs when you were wearing hats and gloves now could only accomplish a fourth as much. You would need to give \$4.00 to equal your giving in 1966.</p>
	<p>If you have been giving the same offering to the Women of the ELCA for even the last 10 years, you need to consider raising that amount.</p> <p><i>(Narrator is talking to audience at this point)</i></p> <p>Can you stretch your thinking and increase your giving in 2008?</p> <p><i>(Display the \$1.00 that unrolls into several. The chorus could do this part.)</i></p> <p>Of course you can. Just do it!</p>