

2021 Stewardship Letter – People’s Congregational Church

2020 has been a tumultuous year with COVID-19, social injustice, hurricanes, wildfires, political divisions, and general hardships. I am sure every generation can recall times when faith was paramount to getting through difficult situations. Unfortunately, when faith is needed most during these turbulent times, churches across the country are faced with dwindling membership and reduced resources-resources that are desperately needed for ministry and mission work to support healing and to care for humanity.

People’s Congregational Church is determined to regain financial stability so we can continue to minister to our congregation and contribute to the ministry and mission work so desperately needed in our community and throughout the world. Our Pastoral Search team has been working tirelessly to find a minister well suited to fill our opening and they are hopeful of a successful outcome in the coming months. COVID vaccines appear imminent, which will play a key role for church families to resume “normal” worship services in beautiful sanctuaries like ours. Financially, People’s Church continues to improve but we are still short of an appropriate cashflow to support traditional worship services, ministry, and mission work. Our 2021 proposed budget has been included and you will notice an optimistic 20% increase baked into the amount of gifts for the coming year.

In this season of stewardship, I’m recalling something I heard years ago about an undeniable truth in Christianity in regard to the impossibility of outgiving God, “For no matter how much you give, God will bless you with more.” Our financial gifts do remarkable things when transformed into ministry and mission. As a congregation, we are discerning what we will contribute monetarily for the coming year. The practice of exercising financial stewardship is a spiritual discipline and a way to grow our faith. As you prayerfully consider your financial gift for 2021, please remember; Our God is a generous God. Our God is a God of transformation – who changes us and through us changes the world.

Thank you for your part in the life-changing work of this congregation.

Bill Stokes - Treasurer

