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Dear Church Family,

I write to you with the capital campaign in full swing to support, nurture and grow as a community of faith. We have an incredible community of folks who truly love our church, and I am convinced that at the end of this campaign, we will be a much closer community in Christ.

Chris and I have reflected deeply over the project, and we have discussed our views over the specific amount to contribute. While we have been through some challenging discussions, we have realized that the discussions themselves, have caused us to bring so much more attention to our faith, and what it means to us. I believe it is very hard to be a Christian in our society today. It seems that so much of what our society prizes, is the opposite of what Christ demonstrated for us, and asks us to follow. Our society encourages us to think of ourselves and our security, versus Christ's example of always thinking of the other's need before our own. It is such a challenge! And while Chris and I donate to multiple charitable needs in our society, we have never donated such a large amount of money to benefit future generations of people we will never meet.

I have asked for prayers in church multiple times for my nursing students, who have lost so many friends and family to suicide, and we pray regularly for the addicted, who are living lives that speak to the poverty of the spirit. I see so many lost souls, who long for a home which will welcome them in, and love them. As I have prayed about this project, my vision is that these changes to the Church will enable it to become a truly light-filled, and love-filled home for all who enter in. As you reflect, how do you see the changes to the Church serving our community needs?

I ask you to welcome the Caring Callers for relaxed visits when they reach out on April 14<sup>th</sup>. They will answer any last-minute questions and provide your Letter of Intent, to be completed at that time. We have the opportunity to bring light into this world.

Please join me in making a generous significant gift.

Be Well In Christ,

Dot Hyde, Council Chair

Welcome



Worship



Learn



Serve



Safety