



Dear Members and friends:

It's hard to believe fall is here already. Summer is over and the rains have come, Sunday School has started and soon the Advent Season will be upon us. Fall at Westminster is also the time when we reflect on our past and look forward to the future through our Annual Stewardship Pledge Drive.

There have been a number of iterations of this church. We go through a sequence of events through the year only to start them over again a year later. Each "iteration" (repetition of a series of events) of the church builds on the last, changing, fine tuning, clarifying, growing, changing. Westminster today is built on the past. We have new sets of challenges and new eyes and ways of seeing God but they are built on the previous iterations or versions of the church. Each living in the present but with an eye to the future. With this in mind, our theme for this year's pledge drive is "**Building on our Past, Embracing the Future**" and is based on Jeremiah 29:11 "For surely I know the plans I have for you says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."

We are the current iteration of the church. As we begin another church year it's time for each of us to refocus our thinking and look to how we want to invest our lives in the church. How do you choose to spend your time for WPC? Is it time to volunteer to do something new? Is it time to recommit to what you are currently doing? Is it time to review how you are supporting the church with your money? How will this "iteration" of the church build on the last? How will it be different? How will it be better? These are all things to consider as you make your decisions about how to monetarily support Westminster this year.

Our Pledge Drive process is very simple this year. Because of Covid, we felt it was important to personally contact each member and friend and as a result, in addition to this letter, you will be receiving a phone call from your neighborhood route captain prior to October 17(Kick-off Sunday). Pledge packets will be available for pickup following the services on the 17th and those that weren't picked up will be mailed. This year we have added an online option to the methods for returning your pledge card to the church. A week to ten days following Kick-off Sunday your route captain will contact you again to make sure you received your pledge packet, and to see if you have any questions. **Note.** You will only be asked to Pledge to the 2022 General Operations of the church. If you made a pledge to the Building Fund in previous years, please continue to pay that pledge. Also, there will be a separate Per Capita interpretation and donation request time in January or February. This year the focus is on the 2022 Operations of Westminster.

Yours in Christ,

Jan Carlson, Stewardship Committee Chair