

April 30, 2021

John & Jane Doe
123 Main St
Columbia, SC 29206

Dear John & Jane,

Over two years ago, the Property Ministry of our congregation asked that Session consider a capital campaign to address a growing list of repairs and upgrades to our church's facilities. Session reviewed the list and agreed with the Property Ministry. In early 2019, Session created a Capital Campaign Research Task Group, chaired by Elder Jim Rowell.

The work of this Task Group identified 17 specific capital projects that they felt needed to be addressed. A description of these projects is in the brochure included in this mailing. The Session agreed and voted to conduct a Feasibility Study, in November 2019, to test the congregation's support of a capital campaign to fund the projects. In early 2020, just before the pandemic began, The Feasibility Study Team conducted interviews with individuals, held congregational information sessions, and determined widespread support for a capital campaign to address the church's needs through the 17 identified projects and for inclusion of a benevolence element. The team recommended that Session pursue a three-year Capital Campaign, with a goal of \$1,001,000 to address the capital needs with 10% of the goal to be given to benevolent causes.

Though the Session paused the efforts at the beginning of the pandemic, in January 2021 they determined to proceed with the plans as the capital needs are only becoming more pressing. In January, the Capital Campaign Committee launched the Advanced Phase of the Campaign, and invited the officers, the church staff, and all those who had responded to the Feasibility Study in 2020 to convert their response into an actual three-year pledge (July 1, 2021–June 30, 2024). We are pleased to report that, as of the time of this letter, FLPC has received seventy-eight (78) gifts and pledges from members, totaling \$805,482.00. Of this amount, \$315,517.00 has already been received for the campaign. We give thanks to God for the amazing generosity of our church family.

Now we are excited to ask the remaining 190 FLPC households to join those who have already made pledges so that we will be able to reach the goal of \$1,001,000.00.

We ask for your prayers as well as your participation. We hope that every member of the congregation will take the opportunity consider a pledge to this campaign. A pledge form and return envelope are enclosed in this packet. Please consider responding no later than May 31, 2021.

Feel free to call any member of the Capital Campaign Committee if you have questions. The Capital Campaign team consists of John Hudgens, Tom Leclair, and Joe Davenport, as well as ourselves. Feel free to contact Business Manager Shannon Fancher if you wish to make your pledge over the telephone or by email.

Success in the campaign will help us continue to build a Firm Foundation for the ministry of Forest Lake Presbyterian Church for years to come.

Sincerely,

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