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Dear Christ Church Family,

I want to begin by sharing with you how encouraged I have been recently by the spiritual surge that our church is experiencing. I can't remember a time in the almost 7 years that I have been here when I have felt God's presence as much as I do now. Our discipleship classes are bringing us to a new level of awareness with respect to what God has done, is doing and can do. How exciting that is and I sincerely appreciate you for allowing me to be a part of this experience.

Another observation that I would make is that we have begun to turn our focus to the needs of our community and are finding ways to help meet those needs. This is what church is about, in the words of Jesus, those "who would be first of all must be servants of all." As our church continues to minister to the needs of our community I am confident that we will experience even greater spiritual and physical renewal.

Seven years ago we were captive to the debt load that we carried. The relief that we have experienced has helped enable us to shift our focus to expanding our ministry. We find ourselves with an opportunity to reduce our debt burden even more. Our benefactor has agreed to make the balance of our matching funds available to us in one last effort. The mathematics of this opportunity works as follows: our current indebtedness is approximately \$1,140,000 and our current monthly payments are \$10,600. When we raise our share of \$100,000 and receive the matching funds of approximately \$275,000, we will be able to reduce our indebtedness to about \$765,000. Refinancing this amount will result in a new mortgage payment of approximately \$5,600. The time frame for making this transaction is the end of May.

Below is a commitment card for each of you to make your commitment. I would ask you to prayerfully consider making as large a contribution to this effort as possible. I am confident that with God's help we can make this a very successful campaign. Let us plan to turn our pledges in on Easter Sunday morning as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We will follow this with a dinner on March 29 and declare victory as we announce the results.

In His Service

I pledge \$ _____ to enable the expansion of the ministry of Christ United Methodist Church through the reduction of the mortgage. I will pay this in _____ payments of _____.

Signature

Printed Name