



Moreland Presbyterian Church

Members and Friends of Moreland Presbyterian Church,

Greetings from your Stewardship Committee. By our nature and job description we are focused on scarcity—Can we secure enough pledges to make the asking budget? Can we collect enough pledges to make the approved budget? This year could easily follow the same theme. We are a mid-size congregation supporting an ambitious ministry. Seven families have stepped up for a two year period to cover a \$32,500 budget shortfall as we assess our ability to sustain our programs. Groveling comes easy to us. But, instead, this year we pause to reflect on the abundance we have received and shared as a congregation—Living our Faith.

Thank you. Thank you to those of you who live your faith through caring for the poor, the hungry, the homeless. Through spreading the gospel by personal mission to Nicaragua as well as downtown Portland. Through mentoring children in LOGOS, children and moms in MOPS, youth in Caravan and service projects. Through singing, painting, cleaning, teaching. Through a community of mutual caring and support in a world that at times appears to have lost connection. And, finally, through sharing your treasure in support of all of these efforts.

At the conclusion of last year's Stewardship campaign, we announced that we would seek to determine over a two year period whether our current level of ministry programs is sustainable. In order to better apprise you of where your pledges and offerings go, we have prepared a functional budget illustrated by the enclosed pie chart. As you can see, a significant portion of the budget (as well as volunteer time) is spent supporting the mission of the Church, both locally and beyond. Our footprint in the community is large and positive.

2018 is a year of decision for our program and staffing future. The proposed budget is not finalized, but will be in the \$465,000 range. The average pledge for a family unit is approximately \$300 per month. We are a voluntary community. No one is denied fellowship for inability to pay or granted special recognition for large contributions. Our budget is a collective recognition of our individual commitments. As you prayerfully consider your pledge for 2018, feel free to contact any member of the Stewardship Committee with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

The Stewardship Committee

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