



March 2010

Gathering In....Reaching Out

Like the waves on the ocean, our church has a rhythm. This is the time of year we look forward....to reflect and to plan. *This year's Generosity Campaign has chosen the theme of "Gathering in.....Reaching Out"*. Gathering in....to represent the sense of community we all value, our wonderful building and the staff we support who support us, in turn. Reaching out... the importance of our Social Justice and Green Sanctuary programs, in particular, to concerns in the greater community.

This is the time that our budget is set each year. Our pledge goal for 2010-2011 is \$227,000. Our pledge budget supports the majority of our proposed budget for the upcoming year. *Without your pledge, we can't set our budget for the next year!* Writing out a pledge is essential for the church leadership to plan what resources are available for the coming year.

We are asking each of you to consider a 6% increase in pledge this year. Why? To support the programs you most value, our Treasures—Religious Education programs for youth and adults, Music, Ministries, Social Justice, to name a few. You can see on the pledge form that the majority of our pledges support our staff, key to most of our programs. We understand that some of you may be able to meet this goal, and some of you may not. Please be as generous as you can realizing that all pledges, small and large, are important this year as they are every year.

Bring your completed pledge form with you to Stewardship Sunday March 21. Please look over this pledge packet, and think generously as you complete it. We are asking everyone to turn their pledge in on Stewardship Sunday March 21. If you can't come on that Sunday, you can mail it to the church, or email your pledge to generosity@firstuomaha.org.

Plan to attend the All-Church Dinner Saturday March 27 at the Field Club. An invitation is enclosed with all the details. This annual event is a celebration of our church membership, will feature the talents of many of our members, and is always a good time!

If you have any questions about the campaign, please feel free to contact me or any other member of the Generosity Campaign Committee.

Jennifer Larsen, Chair, and the 2010 Generosity Campaign Committee
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