

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, CANTON CENTER

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Dear FCC Canton Center member,

We each have different motivations and capacities for giving, and every gift and pledge is gratefully received. We hope that the joy and gratitude you receive through your relationship with God and the members of your church family motivate your support of our ministries. Our theme for this year's pledge drive for 2017 is "Pass It On."

It is an exciting time in our church with renewed passion and great expectations. The addition of an energizing new minister and the continued addition of new families provides us with hope and shows us the glory that comes from worship and church family and we want to "pass it on".

Our strength comes from the relationships we forge and the support we draw from them. We share in each other's joys and gain comfort from each other in times of sorrow. We change the lives of people in our community and around the world through the missions we serve. We help people who may never have been to our church simply because they have nowhere else to turn, and yet here we worship together, and we are blessed and we want to "pass it on".

The vitality of our church is evident from our abundant fellowship, study and faith-sharing groups, service opportunities and missions. To maintain our church family and the amazing benefits we derive from it we need to donate more than the talents and time that are so crucial to our growth. We also need to pledge financial support to strengthen our church.

Our budget last year was \$314,000. Last year's pledge amount was a 50% increase over the previous year and we appreciate everyone's past support and hope that generosity continues and increases. Even with such generous giving we still needed to withdraw over \$100,000 from our endowment. Please reflect on what the church and your church family means to you then give gratefully, generously, and joyfully in support of our ministries.

Seal your pledge in an envelope and "pass it on" to the next person on the list. Any difficulties contact your designated group leader. Thank you for being a part of the FCC Canton Center family.

God Bless,

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