

THE SCARSDALE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC



An Open and Affirming Church - Warmly Welcoming all of God's Children

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Capital Campaign

Dear Members and Friends:

Throughout our history of over nine decades, generations have given generously of their time and treasure to build and develop the foundation of the life of our Congregation. In 2006, we completed a successful \$400,000 Capital Campaign that focused on list of long deferred maintenance projects. Now, a decade later, we are dealing with a more simplified focus - **Refreshing our Sanctuary, Creating "Ruby's" Playground, Updating Our Parking Lot, and Establishing a Reserve for Our Organ.**

Thus, we are asking the Congregation to give generously by participating in a \$350,000 Capital Campaign – a Campaign that provides

An Opportunity to Honor Our Past; An Opportunity to Insure our Future.

A list of critically needed church renovation projects appears below. The Commitment Form provides an option to allow donations in honor of a special person in our lives or in the life of our Congregation, just **as we are honoring Ruby Woosnam by dedicating the new Nursery School Playground in her name.** Your pledge can be fulfilled over five calendar years. For example, spreading a \$10,000 pledge over five years at \$2,000 per year; a \$2,500 pledge at \$500 per year, and so on. In addition, you can utilize the tax benefits of completing your pledges with appreciated securities.

This Campaign is structured a bit differently, by allowing an attractive giving option for those over 70 years of age. Today we live in an era of "cash based" philanthropy - a real burden for those in our Congregation who are retired, on fixed incomes, and worrying if they will outlive their resources. They would love to do more...but simply cannot. To address this challenge, this Campaign includes an opportunity for those over 70 to make a significant commitment, far beyond what they would be able to accomplish within the constraints of a "cash basis" gift - a substantial commitment of \$10,000, \$25,000, even \$50,000 to \$100,000 through adding a simple codicil to your will. Using IRS guidelines a 70 year old would receive Campaign Credit of 60% or \$6,000 of a \$10,000 Campaign bequest, an 80 year old 73% or \$7300 and a 90 year old 84% or \$8400. A separate Campaign Commitment Form has been included for members or friends where this makes great sense.

Many in the congregation have already donated, but we have yet to reach our \$350,000 goal and welcome ongoing donations throughout the campaign. This giving opportunity deserves everyone's thoughtful reflection. As Congregationalists we hold ourselves accountable. Now is one of those times. Faithfully, and with profound thanks,

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Susan & Ray Gannon

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2015 Capital Campaign Projects and Estimated Costs

Create Ruby's Playground ...\$75,000

Reconstruction of Retaining Walls, Landscape Upgrades

Note: New Playground Equipment funded by the Nursery School

Establish a Reserve for Our Organ...\$50,000

Refresh the Sanctuary...\$70,000

Interior Painting...\$25,000

Exterior Painting - \$30,000

Ladies Room Renovation ...\$15,000

Revitalize the Parish House...\$90,000

Exterior Painting ... \$25,000

Rest Room Renovation ...\$15,000

Sprinkler Installation ...\$50,000

Restore the Manse and Office Building ... \$25,000

Exterior Painting ...\$25,000

Update the Heathcote Road Parking Lot...\$50,000

Reconfigure Traffic Flow to Promote Child Safety

Improving Pavement Base and Resurfacing

Capital Campaign Goal...\$360,000-\$375,000