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Dear Friends,

Greetings in the name of our Lord. In this mailing, you are receiving two letters. The purpose of this letter to inform you of our recent stewardship campaign and the finances of this church. The second letter is information in regards to the re-opening of our building.

We are currently faced with two financial concerns. First, as a result of the corona virus, we have not been able to hold weekly church services. However, our overhead cost are remaining nearly the same. Second, like many churches, we have been seeing fewer folks on Sunday morning. This has resulted in a decline of giving in the past few years.

Last fall's stewardship campaign revealed an anticipated revenue of about \$311,000. As we began the budget process for 2020 our annual expenses were running around \$355,000, leaving a short fall of **\$44,000**. The Discipline requires a balanced budget. To accomplish this were had to make the following cuts:

- Eliminating paid staffing for the nursery
- Significant reduction in our Ministry Shares (apportionments)
- Reduction in Missions Budget
- Significant reduction in Youth Programming expenses

The Finance Committee will continue to review our financial situation and will guide us in making adjustments as appropriate in the coming months.

We thank you for your commitment to this church and its ministries. Please feel free to contact us if you have questions or concerns. We, like you only desire the best for this congregation.

Sincerely,

Dan Sleeman, Ad Bd Chair

Pastor Dennis Bromley