

Capital Campaign Update

Last year we celebrated the 30 year anniversary of the building of our McFarland UCC. This well-constructed building has served our congregation's needs for many years, but now needs some upgrades and enhancements that will allow us to meet the needs and dreams for the future.

During this past year, the Capital Campaign Team focused on creating plans for remodeling and enhancing our church building and seeking pledges for church members and friends of MUCC. Several meetings with various groups helped to prioritize the improvements that are most needed. We met with potential donors individually and in small groups to explain the building project and the dreams we have for our church building. Every donor who pledged to the campaign received a hand-written thank-you note as a token of our gratitude. Also, we worked with the office staff to maintain records of those with whom we met and the amounts that were pledged.

Our campaign purposes were: to make capital improvements to our building with the following core values: welcoming • visionary • faith-filled • community-building • functional; and included support of the Wisconsin UCC camps' *CAMPital Campaign*.

MUCC Capital Campaign Pledges as of 1/4/17	\$181,600
CAMPital Campaign Intention of Giving ¹	- 18,160
<u>Recommended payment toward long term debt²</u>	<u>- 7,000</u>
To be available for capital projects	\$156,440

Notes

1) Campital Campaign: After hearing from the Capital Campaign Team regarding pledges received through this fall, and actual cash on hand, SaLT reconsidered its recommendation on a pledge toward our Wisconsin Conference UCC camps' capital campaign, also known as the *CAMPital Campaign*. We believe it is prudent to honor our original intent by tithing from our own campaign pledges, and thus commit \$18,160 for this purpose.

SaLT agreed to make an initial payment of \$2600 toward this *CAMPital Campaign* pledge in 2016 on behalf of McFarland UCC, based on 10% of the \$26,000 we had already received in payments toward the campaign.

2) Long Term Debt: Please see separate report on long term debt for relevant background. SaLT recommends a payment of \$7,000 toward long-term debt and major donors to the capital campaign have agreed to the use of their funds for this purpose.