Dear CVUUS Members and Friends:

We are excited to kick off this year’s canvass to receive pledges for the CVUUS operating budget. Raising money for CVUUS enables us to provide inspiring worship, create an excellent Religious Exploration program for our children and youth, build the CVUUS community, and support social and environmental justice programs.

Our campaign theme is “Radical Love in Action”. We will celebrate the start of the campaign with a fun, family friendly, pot luck dinner party on Saturday, March 10 at CVUUS from 5pm to 7pm. We will share food, music, skits, and hear from our friends what CVUUS means to them. Please join us and plan to participate if you can. Mary Hadley is coordinating the pot luck dinner. Connie Leach and Chris Prickett are organizing the music and children Fun Fest, and Ted Scheu will add his special touch to the evening.

This year we will be conducting the canvass via a face-to-face conversation with each member and regular friends of the congregation. Over the next few weeks we will meet with one another to share stories about CVUUS, talk about where we are headed as a congregation, and pledge our support for the coming financial year. The canvassers will provide each supporting member and friend a pledge card to complete and return to the canvasser. You do not have to reveal your pledge to the canvasser. What you contribute is private and only the campaign treasurer and co-chairs will see the pledge amount. Please try to be as generous as you can to help support the ongoing program of the church through the next fiscal year.

The preliminary budget for 2018-2019 is around $329,000 with a pledge goal of $301,000 which represents about 85% of the church budget. Last campaign the total collected was $287,000 which means we need to gain about 4% with each pledge this year. Some of the adjustments planned for the coming year are a 2.5% salary increase for some employees, increased health insurance costs, an additional two hours per week for Poppy for an enhanced music ministry, and other small adjustments.

Please turn this page over to see our Giving Goals for this campaign. Notice that contributions are needed at all levels. We will be asking every person to make a pledge at a level that is both affordable and generous. When someone calls to ask you for a canvass conversation, open your heart and say yes.

Thank You!

Neil & Julie Chippendale
Mike Greenwood
Co-Chairs, Canvass Team
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