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To Christ First Members

From Mary Dowding-Paré
Chair, Stewardship Committee

Re: Results of Stewardship Campaign

The Stewardship Committee was pleased with the response to this year's stewardship campaign. This year we had the challenge of not being able to communicate to the congregation at in-person services, and were not able to hold a Stewardship Sunday celebratory lunch which was well attended last year. However, in spite of people not being in church, we received 143 pledges which matches last year's participation. The even better news is that the amount pledged for 2021 increased by 5% from last year.

Here are the numbers:

2019

Pledges received – 143

Amount pledged - \$319,706

2020

Pledges received – 143

Amount pledged - \$338,570

The dollar amounts represent identified givings only and do not include additional amounts pledged for Mission and Service or outreach. It's also important to note that the number of pledges received does not represent all financial donors in the church. We usually follow up with those on PAR we don't hear from and there are 54 donors who give but choose not to pledge. All of this was taken into account when compiling the budget for 2021.

The above results indicate that members continue to offer strong financial support to Christ First. This support is crucial in view of lost revenues from rent and fundraising events thanks to COVID. The other part of stewardship – contribution of time and talent – is also abundantly evident in the wonderful services we see each week, special events such as the Christmas Walk-through and the hard work of the many committees.

We can all feel proud that Christ First has continued to thrive through the many challenges brought by COVID. Thank you for your generous financial support in 2020 and for 2021. It's important we continue to provide a firm financial foundation for the exciting plans we have for the future.

Thank you to all who responded during the stewardship campaign, those who contributed their personal stewardship stories, the callers, Office administrators and members of the Stewardship Committee: Sandy Skinner, John Fargey and Dave Gittings.

Mary Dowding-Paré

Chair, Stewardship Committee