

# STEWARDSHIP 2020 - CALLED TOGETHER



January 4, 2019

*Dear Members and Friends of First Congregational Church,*

**Called Together.** That's one way to understand God's activity in our lives. God calls us to love with all our heart and mind and strength, to love God, to love our neighbors as ourselves, and to love the world as God loves the world. This calling is both individual and communal. God calls each one of us out of ourselves into a more expansive vision and a greater venture. God also calls us together, as the church, to join each other in a shared ministry and to be partners in the service of others.

All this is to say that First Congregational Church is not merely an organization we support. It's a calling we hear and hold in common. It's a community of kindred hearts and shared commitments – compassion, justice, mercy, and care – expressed through worship, music and art, learning and service, and embodied in transformed lives. We are a people bonded together in a covenant reflecting God's goodness and grace and by a mutual yearning for more love and light in the world.

During the month of January all of us are asked to respond with generosity to the call of faithful stewardship to sustain and strengthen the life of our congregation by making a financial pledge for 2020. We are invited not merely to make a token gift as if the church were just another of the charities we are called upon to support. Instead, we are invited to bring a portion of our income that reflects the magnitude of all that God has done for us and that reflects our own gratitude for God's call and claim upon each of us and the life of the Gospel we are blessed to share as First Congregational Church.

This church we love is worthy of our most generous support. But more than that, our pledges are an offering to God who loves us beyond measure and calls us to live lives of gratitude and generosity. On Sunday, January 26, while we give thanks to God in worship and consecrate our pledges for 2020, we will dedicate all that we have and all that we are to God's good work in the world.

*With gratitude for you and all the gifts that are ours to share,*

**Rev. Christina L. Braudaway-Bauman**  
Senior Minister

**Your Stewardship Team**

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