

November 25, 2020

Dear RCB Friends,

Many years ago, God spoke through the prophet Haggai, telling God's people to "go up to the hills, bring wood and rebuild the house of the Lord." A few thousand years later, we are taking that encouragement to heart at The Reformed Church of Bronxville as we launch our 2021 Stewardship Campaign: *Rebuilding the House of the Lord*. We are excited by the many ways that God is blessing, rebuilding and renovating our beautiful 170-year-old Church, both spiritually and physically.

In our 2020 campaign, the RCB community graciously provided commitments of \$1.4 million to support our Church. Even in a pandemic, this support represented one of our strongest years of Stewardship in the past several years. This year, we are prayerfully hoping to build on that support and have a goal to increase pledges to \$1.5 million. This increase in support will provide the ability to grow and build so many of the rich programs of The Reformed Church that we have all come to greatly appreciate.

When you pledge to The Reformed Church, you are helping to support the church and all of its endeavors. In the last year church leadership has worked tirelessly to reduce operating costs while also rebuilding and renovating programs, staff and the physical plant of our building. This coming year we are hopeful our campaign will further support our worship experience and the growth of our Youth, Music and local Mission programs.

The positive momentum is undeniable:

- Prior to the pandemic, in-person worship attendance was averaging around 325 people per week and now the blessing of modern technology still allows us to worship together even when we are apart. Since we launched this past March, our livestream services have been viewed thousands of times by members, former members and friends.
- Our youth are engaged more than ever, with attendance at both Middle School and High School Youth Groups having doubled year to date. A generous donation from the C. Paul Slater family also allowed RCB to renovate the Youth Suite, where youth will be able to meet comfortably. This beautiful renovation includes a new bathroom on the 4th floor, a full kitchen, a game room and a space for learning and teaching.
- Renewed focus on local mission opportunities has also been part of our rebuilding. We have strengthened partnerships and have seen an increase in volunteerism with neighboring organizations such as Westhab and their new Dayspring Community Center campus, Yonkers Partners in Education (YPIE), the Fuller Center and a Mobile Food Pantry.

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Your gifts to our Church are a blessing that invigorates all areas of RCB. We encourage you to prayerfully reflect on all that God has done and is doing in your life and how The Reformed Church of Bronxville is at the crossroads of that intersection. We are blessed to have a great congregation, a beautiful church, rich programs with a passionate staff and a strong community of love and faith.

Our prayer for you is that you will be filled with gratitude and joy as you consider your pledge for The Reformed Church in 2021. Thank you in advance for your support. Your pledge ensures that our congregation can continue to grow and the momentum that we are feeling today will be felt for generations to come.

With Gratitude,



Mark Liggitt



John Torell



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You can find more information about Stewardship and make your pledge today through our website: www.reformedchurch.org/give. Alternatively, you can email your pledge to giving@reformedchurch.org or call the church office at (914) 337-6776.