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Message from the Finance Committee: Preparing for the 2022 Stewardship Campaign

To the Members of Old Ship Church:

The Finance Committee for Old Ship Church has started planning the annual stewardship campaign, which will start in January and finish in mid-February. While this 2022 campaign, of course, comes at a time of great change for Old Shippers—as we continue to deal with Covid, and work with our minister, Ken Read-Brown, as he moves toward retirement—our members' pledges, as always, will play a significant role in supporting the mission, programs, and vision of the congregation.



Indeed, the Committee, working with some members of the Old Ship Board of Trustees, sees this time as ideal for us to join together in strengthening our commitment to putting our values into action--and expressing our stewardship campaign's theme, "New Horizons." Here are some points to consider:

--The pledge campaign is being conducted earlier this year, to allow us to align Old Ship's programs and plans with the resources provided by members of the congregation. Starting with 2022's first service, we will provide more information on our pledge process, and the Committee's plans for aligning our programs with the level of resources that the congregation is moved to provide

--In brief, the new horizons that the year's gifts will help us face include the selection of a new religious-education director, important decisions regarding our Parish House, and new efforts to widen the circle of our congregation. Shortly, we will be providing, via Constant Contact, more specifics on how to make your pledge and what stewardship targets we aim to meet.

--Our plans include organizing one or two Zoom meetings, to provide Old Shippers with opportunities to discuss our initial budget plans and programs.

The Finance Committee members look forward to making the stewardship campaign an integral part of the process of meeting Old Ship's goals. We will also be providing opportunities for members of our community to comment on their views in the coming weeks.

Thank you for your continued support of the goals of Old Ship.

Sending Best Wishes as the New Year Approaches,

Jack Gomez (Finance Committee chair)

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Roy Harris (Old Ship Board of Trustees vice president)