

Stewardship Campaign – 2023

In the City for Good

Dear St Paul ECC Members and friends,

With the beginning of 2023 comes an opportunity to pause and reflect on the past year, as well as to anticipate with hope all that a new year brings. Most of us are eager to embrace a year of healing, hope, and health—for ourselves, our loved-ones, our community, and our world. It is with this hope that your Council invites you to participate in our 2023 Stewardship Campaign.

At St Paul ECC, our paramount goal is to provide you with meaningful worship opportunities, and, with our mission, **“In the City for Good,”** we will strive to increase our service to the community at large and grow our congregation in 2023. We have forged a strong covenant with Sixth Avenue UCC, and together, we are becoming what our name confers—an ecumenical partnership. With these objectives, we are asking you to invest in St Paul so that we may pay the bills and increase our presence and impact in 2023.

Your generous financial donations in 2022 allowed us to stay within our budget — and for this we are extremely humbled and grateful. For 2023, the Council drafted a budget that supports stipend increases for our pastors and reflects an increase in our rent from \$400 to \$450 monthly. This proposed budget increases our overall costs by about 9% from last year's. A 2022 income/expense report as well as the proposed 2023 budget is attached to this letter.

Your love of St Paul ECC is the foundation of our spiritual strength and mission. We ask you to consider contributing above your current monthly level—as you are able—on the attached pledge form. On this form, we have provided other ways to support your church community through one-time donations, e.g., funding the rent or the music for a month. Methods to regularly contribute to St Paul ECC by check or electronically are also attached.

With prayer and consideration, please complete the enclosed form and during our annual campaign January 28 – February 25, 2023. You are invited to place the completed form in the collection plate or to mail it to our treasurer, Sue Kaessner, 230 Poplar Street, #D, Denver, CO 80220. The pledge form can also be completed electronically and emailed to Sue at suekaessner@me.com. If you would prefer an electronic version, please email Sue to request it.

In Christ's love and mission,
Your St Paul Denver ECC Council