

Stewardship Report to the CUMC Church Council, January 9, 2013, by Al Brunsting, Chair

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 Pastor Melissa Hood

Previous Activities

First Mile Pledge weekend was Nov. 3 – 4, '12. Here are the latest results I have (12/20/12). This table will be verbally updated at our CC meeting.

Year's end to support budget following year	No. of pledges	\$Amt pledged	Average \$amt per pledge	% of spending budget, incl. apportionment	% of spending budget, excl. apportionment	Final spending budget	Apportionment	Notes
12/20/2012	162	\$616,577	\$3,806	81.2	97.2	\$759,587	\$125,088	[1]
12/31/2011	143	\$508,126	\$3,553	64.2	75.2	\$791,248	\$115,248	
12/31/2010	155	\$503,832	\$3,251	62.9	76.1	\$800,605	\$138,252	

Note [1]: 2013 budget is unapproved as of this writing (Dec. 31, '12.).

Here is the conclusion from Pastor Grace:

God's people have spoken. What do you hear? I hear, "We believe in what God is doing at 20 N. Center. We trust what we heard from Stewardship Team. We support the leadership. Count me in. Count my wallet in."

Each non-responder was placed in one of two groups: (1) Likely to pledge & support the 2013 budget and (2) willingness to pledge & support the 2013 budget is not well known. Those in group (1) received a phone call using talking points that were agreed upon ahead of time. Those in group (2) received a letter patterned after a similar letter, used by Church of the Resurrection and modified by Pastor Grace.

Plans for the coming weeks and months

2<sup>nd</sup> Mile Pledge weekend will be Feb. 9 & 10, '13. Stewardship & Missions Committees will partner for this appeal. Messages will be delivered to the congregation through presentations during worship (similar to 1<sup>st</sup> Mile Pledge appeal), articles in Tidings, messages in e-blasts. Missions has agreed to a specific action plan (tasks & due dates), which may be modified during the next 6 weeks. Pastor Melissa and Dave Harr are the leaders of the Missions Committee.

Pastor Grace has agreed to recruit at least two more members to the Stewardship team, to be announced at this CC meeting, Jan. 9.