



Dear RMCC Family,

As the Advent season begins, I can't help but be reminded of why it is so important to Extend the Reach of RMCC. This time of year is one of *hope, love, joy, and peace*, yet so many of our friends and neighbors are unaware of how Christ invites us to fully experience these central themes. This is why I am so excited about our commitment to the new season of ministry that God has called us to on our new property.

Two Sundays ago, I had the opportunity to update you on the status of the Extend the Reach campaign. Being a holiday weekend, many of our members were celebrating Thanksgiving weekend with out of town family and friends and were unable to hear the announcement. For this reason, I'd like to update you on where the campaign currently stands.

As a reminder, the total anticipated cost of the new facility is \$10.5 million. The previous building campaign and faithful giving of the congregation have given us an existing building fund of \$1.4 million. This amount, combined with \$3.5 million in pre-campaign commitments brought us to \$4.9 million to be used towards the new building, leaving us with a need of \$5.6 million. Of that \$5.6 million, we anticipate taking a loan of \$2 million. This left a campaign goal of \$3.6 million.

Over the course of the last several weeks, the generosity of this church has been on full display. It has been humbling to watch as our congregation has come together committing to sacrificially give over and above our regular tithes and offerings. As of today, Monday, December 4, 2017, I am excited to report that we currently have \$2.14 million committed towards the Extend the Reach campaign. We expect to see this number continue to grow in the days to come, as many of you have indicated that you'd be submitting your commitment card closer to the end of the year or during the first quarter of 2018. Thank you for your generosity and thank you for your commitment to Extend the Reach of this church to the world around us.

For those of you who have indicated a desire to give in 2017, please keep in mind that December 31, 2017, is a Sunday. The IRS stipulates that to be credited towards 2017, a check must be dated in 2017 and received by the church on or before December 31, 2017. Checks received by mail must have a 2017 postmark.

Thank you again for your generosity towards this church and towards the Kingdom of God. I am excited to see where God takes us as we work to Extend the Reach of RMCC together.

Gratefully,

Pastor Matt

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