



Caring for God's House - Together

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Dear RRPC community & friends:

This is a very important and exciting moment in the life of Rio Rancho Presbyterian Church! The Session, based on recommendations of the Building & Grounds and the Finance Committees, has authorized a **three-year \$400,000** Capital Campaign, starting in October. “**Caring for God’s House –Together**” is designed to address several major capital needs of our Church building and property – *concerns that cannot be met by the annual operating church budget*. The Campaign has also received

approval and endorsement by Pastor Westmoreland. A highly-qualified Capital Campaign Committee has been formed to provide careful assessment of these needs and to develop project priorities. The Committee will inform and educate the congregation of the importance of timely addressing these issues and to encourage its strong financial support.

A fundamental reason why the “Caring for God’s House” is viewed as necessary is due to the age of our beautiful church building. It is now over thirty-five years old, and is showing it in several ways that must be addressed soon. The presence of the God's House account has been a great help in the past, but for several years, this fund has not been large enough to support major projects or repairs, such as those needed now. This is the church we love, and as caretakers of it, we are obliged to manage and care for what God has entrusted to us.

The Capital Campaign Committee members and the Project Management Team have already identified two general categories of major concern: **(1)** structure/energy efficiency, and **(2)** health and safety issues, and they have developed several specific projects in these areas that will be addressed during the three years of the campaign. In addition, they are mindful of two other objectives: keeping in focus the Church's mission to others, while also planning for the building’s future.

We recognize that such a commitment at this time will be a real challenge to our church congregation, but it also is a great opportunity: **(1)** to express our gratitude and joy for what God has done through the ministry and mission focus of this church over the more than three decades of its existence. **(2)** To address several significant capital issues that are now very evident, and which will become bigger problems over time if they are not resolved.

As each one of us considers our personal response to the campaign, it should be as a result of careful thought and prayer, and it also should reflect a spirit of generosity and thankfulness. Your decision must recognize an understanding that the commitment must be in addition to one's annual gifts to support the ongoing work of the Church. Pledges can be paid over the entire three-year period, although the Campaign Committee does stress that the sooner money is contributed, the faster

the projects with the highest priority can be started. If you haven't yet, please pledge and donate: [click here](#).

The content you'll find on the Rio Rancho church website, contains more detail and provides valuable information that will help you understand how important this three-year Campaign will be to our future. If you still have questions after reading this letter and the website (rioran chopresbyterianchurch.org) content, all the names of the members of the Capital Campaign and the campaign's email are noted above. Please feel free to get in touch with one or more of them.

In God's Service,

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