

Summary of Sheila Lane Loan Task Force Recommendation

- 1. We should forgive the \$582,750 loan from the endowment to the congregation.**
- 2. We have a very healthy \$2.4 million endowment after removing the Sheila Lane loan.**
 - a. This is the same as the 2007 level, before the crash and Sheila Lane purchase
 - b. This is more than double the minimum recommended for nonprofits.
- 3. Balancing our operating budget has been a struggle, especially because we were losing money on Sheila Lane.**
 - a. Not including Sheila Lane expenses, **we have had a balanced budget** since 2010.
 - b. Taking money from our operating budget to pay the endowment would be hurting the operating side of the congregation to increase an already healthy endowment.
- 4. Let's increase the endowment through improvement, not repayment**
 - a. There are lots of great ideas to increase the endowment (better legacy giving, directed funds that are spent to beautify the church).
 - b. These are much more exciting and meaningful than "paying a loan to ourselves."
- 5. We made a mistake and it's time to move on.**
 - a. While it was a noble cause, the financial collapse and other events led us to sell the property at a loss.
 - b. The Sheila Lane discussions are a drag on the congregation and take up valuable time and energy that could be used in so many better ways.
 - c. Keeping a loan on the books for years to come will prolong the pain without significant benefit.