

Senior Minister's Report to the Board of Trustees

March 2018

I apologize for the lateness of this report. With William's death last week I needed to direct my time to the grief his death has left us with. I was considering reporting on the first metrics of our ends so far but this will wait until next month.

Let me first report that the pledge drive is going well. We are above where we were this time last year in number of pledges and amount pledged. The YRSC is engaged and enthusiastic in their approach. I am pleased with the energy and results.

I want to support Lynda's observations that the time is right for us to consider a capital campaign in 2019. There is a natural flow of energy that will come from visiting our story through the last 70 years that will lead to a vision cast for our future. In some ways we are already building towards this. With Ed's 40th anniversary we will begin to look back on how far we have come and changed. The COM is "priming the pump" for a vision casting this fall and I would like to start making plans for that work with you the board as well as other leaders in the congregation. It would be a time to look at the next ten years and imagine what kind of a congregation we could be in terms of mission, accessibility and carbon footprint.

Vision/Mission work follows a process which will require us to engage an outside consultant and I will bring more information about that to you soon.

In the meantime, I am confident that the time is right for us to move forward while taking an appreciative view back. I am excited about our future and I hope you are as well.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Dr. John T. Morehouse