



NEW HORIZON

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Re: Will you prayerfully consider New Horizon's City on a Hill campaign?

Dear Friends of New Horizon,

Greetings and blessings. If you are a NH *City on a Hill* contributor, thank you! If not, I invite you to read the following. Thanks in advance.

What is *City on a Hill*? God planted our amazing church in 1995, and countless lives around the world have been touched as a result. Today New Horizon is home to hundreds of Christ-followers, and we're eager to live into our mandate of *Connecting Others with Jesus*.

We are God's "City on a Hill" (Matthew 5:14). That's Jesus' description for His faithful church, grounded in Christ, proclaiming His cross, and equipping well-rounded and well-grounded Christ-followers for God's purposes in God's world. It's our honor and joy to do so.

NH's present facility is our mission outpost for living into our mandate. Our building is in constant use with worship and discipleship for all ages, and provides space for community ministry and organizations. We love to put it to good use.

We presently hold a \$1.8 million debt on our facility. The goal of our *City on a Hill* campaign is to decrease our indebtedness, while increasing our general giving, to the point at which our annual budget can carry our monthly mortgage. Here are details...

Our *City on a Hill* campaign strategy:

In a nutshell. Our five-year *City on a Hill* campaign began in June of 2016, with a \$2.2 million debt. Our goal is to pay down our debt to \$1.2 million by June, 2021. At the same time, we intend to increase our annual giving by \$92,000 by that date. Our increased budget will permit us to roll our debt into a 20 year mortgage, to be paid with our general giving.

One additional goal. When we built our facility, we could only afford the first of two layers of asphalt necessary for our parking lot. It has held up in that condition as long as possible. Our Trustees have determined that we *must* add the second layer of asphalt during our campaign window, or our parking lot will degrade to the point of needing a complete rebuild at a significant expense. *Therefore, we've included the cost of parking lot resurfacing into our campaign.*

The numbers. Given the objectives above, our campaign financial goals are as follow:

Mortgage reduction goal	\$1,300,000.00
Parking lot resurfacing	\$ 200,000.00
Total Campaign Goal	\$1,500,000.00

Our giving commitments. To date we've received the following pledge commitments, leaving opportunities for new commitments.

Commitment Goal	\$1,500,000.00	184 commitments
Pledged to date	\$1,296,645.00	125 commitments
Present opportunities	\$ 203,355.00	59 commitments



Our giving to date. We are pleased to report that our present committed giving is up to date.

Pledged amount:	\$1,296,645.00
Received to date:	\$ 566, 513.00 (as of May 6, 2018)

43.7% of pledges have been received as our campaign nears 40% completion.

Our parking lot progress to date. During the first two years of our campaign, we set aside the necessary funds to pave our parking lot. *We are up-to-date with our parking lot funding, and work on our resurfacing has begun.* You will notice water drainage and retention work around our pond. We are receiving paving bids presently, and we intend for our parking lot to be complete before summer ends. Thanks, NH Trustees! *At that point, ALL our City on a Hill giving will be directed to debt cancelation.*

NEW COMMITMENTS & affirming present commitments. Each May, we highlight our campaign and give updates on our progress. We also invite others to become *City on a Hill* contributors. Each June, we receive new pledges and reaffirm present commitments. *I ask you to prayerfully consider becoming a *City on a Hill* participant by completing a Commitment Card (found in seat pockets) or by doing so at our website, NewHorizonChurch.org/City-on-a-Hill.*

Friends, thank you for your previous contributions, or for considering becoming part of our *City on a Hill* campaign. We're eager to put our debt behind us and step into God's amazing future. It's an honor to serve as Lead Pastor at New Horizon, alongside amazing people like yourself. May we bring our God incredible glory and honor with our Kingdom-centered lives. Please, never hesitate to contact me or our staffers to let us know how we can serve you, or if you have any questions regarding our *City on a Hill* campaign.

Sincerely in Christ,
Pastor Mark Jordan