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25th Anniversary Campaign

As we approached the fall of 2005, Pastor David shared with the council his dream of a 3 year campaign (2006 – 2008) to celebrate our 25th Anniversary as a congregation. He pulled a team together in November/December and we were off to a fast start. We needed ideas in the areas of Evangelism and Outreach and those ministry teams provided wonderful ideas. As a committee we discussed those ideas and a few new ones. Out of our first few meetings we established a campaign goal of \$250,000 and the following evangelism and outreach ministry projects, listed in order of priority:

- Support a new mission church, Joy of Discovery Lutheran, in Southeast Raleigh (\$30,000)
- Habitat for Humanity Home (\$60,000)
- Three Pastoral Internships (\$95,000)
- PLM Families Together (\$29,000)
- Furnishings for 1 of 6 Serving Cup apartments to be built with a Federal Grant (\$6,000)
- WIHN Needs (\$7,000)
- Mission trip for Mnene Paris (\$13,000)
- Mission trip for Costa Rica Lutheran Mission (\$10,000)

The ministry list and campaign goals were enthusiastically approved by the council on January 16 and the congregation on January 29.

During February and early March we recruited a team of 21 congregational members to make personal calls on congregational members regarding campaign gifts and invited the congregation to sign up for such visits. On March 4, Tom Gelder, Meg Ehm's dad, led an excellent workshop for our 25th Anniversary Team visitors. During March and early April the campaign team visited several members of the congregation. In early April a mailing was sent to the congregation as well as "friends of GSLC" requesting pledges for our 25 year campaign.

Throughout the campaign, with the help of web master, Paul Holzworth, we provided several campaign materials on the web including: Congregational presentation, pledge card, and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's).

On April 30 the congregation was given the opportunity to present their pledges for the 25th Anniversary Campaign and residual pledges were collected during May and June. In early July we announced to the congregation that they had met the goal for the "Thank You Lord" campaign and that we expected all ministries to be fully supported. Following are current pledge details plus contributions received in 2006 but not pledged.

Pledge Year	Non-Designated	SE Raleigh Mission	Habitat for Humanity	Pastoral Internships	PLM Families Together	Serving Cup Apt. Furnishings	WIHN Needs	Mnene Parrish Mission Trip	Costa Rica Mission Trip	Total
2006	\$ 30,670	\$ 11,370	\$ 8,475	\$ 25,555	\$ 4,873	\$ 4,486	\$ 3,803	\$ 3,570	\$ 2,100	\$ 94,902
2007	\$ 32,170	\$ 7,865	\$ 6,085	\$ 15,805	\$ 6,311	\$ 1,842	\$ 4,975	\$ 2,795	\$ 2,325	\$ 80,173
2008	\$ 37,205	\$ 6,940	\$ 3,343	\$ 20,930	\$ 2,570	\$ 1,967	\$ 2,500	\$ 3,120	\$ 2,650	\$ 81,225
Contributions Received, Not Pledged	\$ 2,424	\$ 520	\$ 9,550	\$ 1,000	\$ 290	\$ 75	\$ 65	\$ 1,154	\$ -	\$ 15,078
Total	\$ 102,469	\$ 26,695	\$ 27,453	\$ 63,290	\$ 14,044	\$ 8,370	\$ 11,343	\$ 10,639	\$ 7,075	\$ 271,378

Throughout 2006, the congregation gave generously to the campaign and by the end of the year had provided total gifts to of \$98,033. Included in that figure is \$12,671 given directly to Habitat for Good Shepherd House and a \$9,550 matching gift from GSK. Gifts approaching \$100,000 in addition to all others gifts given to Good Shepherd is absolutely incredible. THANK YOU! We continue to encourage those who have pledged and those who have not pledged to continue to contribute to the important ministries that we are supporting through our 25th Anniversary campaign. Following is the detail for 2006 pledges plus non-pledged gifts received to date.

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2006 Pledges	\$ 30,670	\$ 11,370	\$ 8,475	\$ 25,555	\$ 4,873	\$ 4,486	\$ 3,803	\$ 3,570	\$ 2,100	\$ 94,902
Pledged Gifts	\$ 22,160	\$ 7,845	\$ 14,790	\$ 22,505	\$ 4,873	\$ 3,442	\$ 2,870	\$ 3,070	\$ 1,400	\$ 82,955
Contributions Received, Not Pledged	\$ 2,424	\$ 520	\$ 9,550	\$ 1,000	\$ 290	\$ 75	\$ 65	\$ 1,154	\$ -	\$ 15,078
YTD Total Gifts	\$ 24,584	\$ 8,365	\$ 24,340	\$ 23,505	\$ 5,163	\$ 3,517	\$ 2,935	\$ 4,224	\$ 1,400	\$ 98,033

Following is a list of the 25th Anniversary Campaign team. It was a privilege to serve with each of these committed and faithful people: Meg Ehm, Amy Meadowcroft, Rich Mielke (co-chair), Art Pfefferle, Ray Prill, Pastor David Sloop

It goes without saying that the most exciting part of our 25th Anniversary is the ministries that are being supported. During August Pastor David recruited a committed team of gifted congregational members to lead and coordinate our 25th Anniversary ministry plans. Of our "25th Anniversary Thank You, Lord! Ministries", six of the eight involve some kind of 'hands on' project. Below is a listing of those projects along with the names of their leaders and a brief description of the progress toward implementation.

Three Seminary Interns: Under the leadership of Ray Prill, an Internship Team consisting of 7 persons has been formed. Southern Seminary in Columbia, SC has received our application for the first intern, who will likely be here in August 2007. This is a one year internship.

Joy of Discovery Church: Under the leadership of Jayne Rusincovitch we will continue to periodically worship at this new Wake County mission. Our hope is to worship there at least quarterly. Updates will continue through our monthly newsletter. We provided \$10,000 in gifts to Joy of Discovery in 2006 and plan to do the same in 2007 and 2008.

Mnene Parish: Under the leadership of Peggy Ruopp and Serena Mika we have formed a team to prepare for the visit of five Mnene parish members (Mr. Ophious Sibanda, Miss Annie Mhaka, The Rev. Kenneth Sibanda, Miss Talent Sigono, Ms. Virginia Hove) who will be here April 18--May 4, 2007. We have already purchased airline tickets for them. This will be a great opportunity for us to deepen our life together.

Costa Rica Lutheran Mission Trip: Under the leadership of Tien Landstrom and Shari Herbst we are planning a mission trip November 2007. We are currently seeking reservations for participants. Pastor Jennifer will accompany our mission team.

Habitat for Humanity: Under the leadership of Will Remaklus we anticipate building a Habitat House in early 2008.

Serving Cup Apartments: Under the leadership of Randy and MaryBeth Neuhaus we are planning to provide furnishings for one of the six apartments which will be built in the fall of 2007 in Cary. As construction progresses, furnishings will be purchased. Occupancy will likely occur in early 2008.

May God use these projects to further our mission to Believe, Belong and Serve.

Thank you Lord!

Respectfully Submitted,
Paul Lester (co-chair)