# Truth & Hope Campaign

FAQ's



#### Q#1 What is the purpose of the Truth & Hope campaign?

A This campaign is a practical application of Philippians 2:2, to be of "one mind" as we unite in prayer and giving for the sake of the gospel and the growth of the church.

#### Q#2 How will the money that we raise be used?

A There are two equally important purposes: 60% of the total amount pledged will go towards paying down the church's mortgage debt, and the other 40% will go towards URC's Fellowship Program.

## Q#3 What is the difference between our Intern Program and the Fellowship Program?

A Our Intern Program was developed to provide an opportunity for college grads to consider seminary or full-time Christian service. The Fellowship Program is for seminary graduates that may need another year or two to gain experience and / or understand God's calling for them before deciding upon a church position.

#### Q#4 Can my pledge also include a cash contribution?

A Monthly pledges are encouraged as a reminder to pray for this initiative during the three year campaign. Periodic special or cash gifts will also be appreciated.

## Q#5 What is the current balance of the church's mortgage debt?

A \$1,350,000. We hope to significantly reduce our debt burden over the next three years, and soon thereafter, to pay it off completely.

#### Q#6 I can't afford to give very much, is it still worthwhile to consider a small pledge?

A Every household is encouraged to participate, whatever the amount may be.

## Q#7 When do I need to have my pledge card completed?

A We hope you will pray about this opportunity and complete your pledge card by Nov. 15, 2020.

#### Q#8 I am not a member of URC but would still like to participate – is that okay?

A Yes, it would be greatly appreciated!

#### Q#9 Why are pledges expected to begin in January 2021?

A During the month of December we collect a Christmas offering and also receive a number of special gifts at year-end to help us balance our budget. Beginning the Truth & Hope pledges at the start of 2021 will help remedy any potential giving conflicts.

## Q#10 Can I just start applying my normal tithe towards this campaign?

A Since supporting the ministries of the church is an on-going need, you're asked to consider gifts to the Truth & Hope campaign as an addition to your normal tithing.

#### Q#11 When will payment information be requested to initiate the pledge?

A Prior to January 1<sup>st</sup> you'll receive a follow-up email that will include payment options and further details to set up your monthly gifts.

## Q#12 Does the URC Diaconate fund need to be replenished?

A The Diaconate is very grateful for the generous gifts it has received this year and their benevolence fund is currently in good shape. They are ready to help individuals or families that are enduring financial hardship or that have other practical needs.