

**\*\*Thank you from La Foret!  
By Larry McCulloch, Executive Director**

La Foret celebrates the long and beneficial relationship with First Congregational.

Your confirmation class and summer retreats are on our calendar for 2017, and of course, many of your youth participate in multiple RMC events through the year. We are thrilled that our purpose to provide sanctuary for all to consider the transcendent issues of life remains tangible within your wonderful church.

We have good news to share, and you are part of it. We have received a grant from the State Historical Fund (\$200,000) for the exterior restoration of Ponderosa Lodge that requires matching funds from La Foret (\$83,000).

Over ten years ago your congregation gave La Foret \$65,000 for the renovation of Ponderosa Lodge as part of a capital campaign. After helping with a new roof 3 years ago, the balance (\$44,000) is helping with the required match!!!! THANK YOU.

The renovation is mostly external - replacing rotten logs, changing drainage, and fixing cracks in the foundation. The building won't look very different, but it should last another 90 years with these solutions.

We are so thankful. Because of your generosity, we can preserve the essence of the historical character and honor the building and its original owners, while maintaining its National Historic Register status. We could not do it without you. Or, more precisely, we can only do it with you.  
Thank you and bless you.