



***Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.
The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. (2 Corinthians 5:17)***

October 27, 2019

Friends of Grace Church,

Our church is fast approaching an amazing landmark of 200 years. This will be an extraordinary event marking not only the wonderful ministry of today but also a reminder of those amazing members who sacrificed before us. It is our hope and prayer to continue the good work here at Grace Church to include our sacred worship, our beautiful music, our holy education, our passionate outreach and advocacy in order to support those in great need.

Grace Church does not affect a few hundred people, but over 30,000 every year in the White Plains community and in so many ways through worship, outreach and various community events. However, the only way that Grace Church can continue these amazing ministries is through your financial support. We need your help.

Please allow this letter to be a gracious challenge. We're asking you to make a financial pledge in accordance with your ability. We deeply thank you if you have been pledging and we invite you to begin if not already. We are so very thankful for whatever financial support you can make; and we do not take it for granted.

We have been very fortunate this past year, having received over \$700,000 in new financial support from various resources. A majority has been earmarked for building repairs and maintenance; and therefore, not for our working capital budget. We need your help to cover the basic needs of running our church. Although we continue to have an annual deficit, we have developed a solid plan to delete our deficit. This plan includes both decreasing costs and increasing revenue. This plan had already begun. WE have already decreased many of our costs and new revenue is already pouring in, but we need your help.

The necessary increase in revenue will come from you, our members who are most closely tied to Grace Episcopal Church. Therefore, our plan to recover from our deficit is heavily dependent on you and your financial pledge.

As the above scripture references, Grace Church is in a time of new beginnings with expanded worship, expanded educational opportunities, expanded community events and so much more. It is an exciting time to be a part of Grace Episcopal Church. Let us celebrate our nearly 200 years and at the same time financially support Grace Church ensuring there will be so much more. We invite you to become a part of our future. We thank you for your financial pledge.

God Bless You, The Rev. Dr Chip Graves

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