

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

My pledge
to repair
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WHAT WILL MY PLEDGE DO?

It will repair Lincoln House, our church offices, and fund a major mission project. Lincoln House is showing signs of significant stress, especially in its foundation. That is the result of its age of 90-plus years, poor drainage and damage from the row of trees that were removed from along the north wall a few years ago. There are visible gaps in foundation footings, a sagging building corner, cracked stucco and cracked, unstable walls in a building located in an earthquake zone. In addition to these structural problems, the large, single-panel windows are poor insulators, which contribute to high heating and cooling costs. Cosmetic repairs are needed to walls and floors. These repairs are beyond the scope of our annual budget. The Session will engage the congregation in a process to determine a mission project intended to have impact beyond what our annual budget can accomplish.

IS LINCOLN HOUSE IN DANGER OF COLLAPSING?

Not in the near future. But the building is deteriorating and repairs are urgent for financial reasons. Silicon Valley is in the midst of a building boom, which is rapidly raising construction costs. A consultant hired by our church estimates these costs are rising at a rate of 8 percent each year. A major driver of this increase is that we have a regional shortage of construction workers. In short, the longer we wait, the more this work will cost.

HOW WILL THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN WORK?

Over the next few weeks, members of the Capital Campaign Committee will be contacting all members of our congregation soliciting pledges to raise the necessary funds. They will be asking that members pledge donations – separate from their annual **Stewardship Campaign** pledges in the fall – for a period of three years. To help you imagine the size of the **Capital Campaign**, it may be helpful to think of it this way: Our annual budget, which is funded by the Stewardship Campaign, is about \$500,000 also. So funding the **Capital Campaign** means we're asking that members pledge about one-third more for each of three years. Typically, some people can afford more than the one-third increase and others can afford less.

Please return this portion to Stone Church

PLEDGE CARD

I wish to participate in the Capital Campaign to restore Lincoln House. Stone Church plans to raise \$500,000 for this project, which includes a 10 percent tithe to support a social justice cause.

Over the next three years, I pledge

\$ _____,

Which I will pay (check one):

In one payment with this pledge

In three annual payments

In 36 monthly payments

Name: _____

I will not be pledging to the Capital Campaign because:

