

MIDDLEBURY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CASE STATEMENT

The goal of the Foundations for Our Future Capital Campaign is to raise three times our annual pledge amount or \$350,000.00 over a 3-year period. We are asking the members and friends of the Middlebury Congregational Church to help us achieve this goal through prayerfully and thoughtfully considered donations, both large and small.

The funds raised through this campaign will strengthen the financial foundation of our church as we fulfill our responsibility to care for our buildings, grounds, and properties through necessary capital improvements. These are investments that extend beyond our regular monthly expenses. In doing so, we sustain the ministries that define our shared life and ensure that our church remains a vibrant and welcoming place for generations to come.

We have identified the projects listed below as the most urgent capital needs, and our hope for this campaign is that we both raise enough to cover the cost of these investments and have funds remaining for future projects and improvements.

- Church Roof
- Repaint Steeple
- Repave Parking Lot
- Sidewalk Repair
- Repay Ourselves for 2024 Parsonage Roof Replacement

These most urgent priorities protect and preserve the integrity of our church buildings and grounds. Together, these essential projects total approximately \$250K and represent the foundational work required to maintain the safety, function, and longevity of our facilities.

In addition, there are important additional improvements that would enhance the comfort and usability of our shared spaces, including replacing worn carpeting in the sanctuary balcony and stairways, as well as updating the flooring in the Ark/Activities room.

With additional resources, we also hope to address several longer-term enhancements that would further enrich the life of our church, such as improvements to the social hall flooring and air conditioning, as well as needed updates to the sanctuary, including repainting and plaster repair.

Each of these investments reflects our commitment not only to maintaining what has been entrusted to us, but to strengthening the spaces where our community gathers, worships, and serves.

This effort belongs to all of us. Each gift, offered thoughtfully and with care, is a meaningful part of what we will accomplish together. As we look to the future, we do so with gratitude for all that has been entrusted to us and with confidence in what we can achieve as a community of faith.

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