Dear Fellow Old Shippers,

Old Ship belongs to each of us and holds a unique place in our lives. Through our annual pledge campaign, we pledge to fund the daily operations and to ensure that Old Ship and its resources are here for us, and for others now and in the future. We are facing several “New Horizons” over the next few years, including but not limited to:

- A New Minister
- A New approach to our Religious Education Program
- Plans for the Parish House
- A Plan for Widening the Circle and Social Justice

We expect that those who benefit from Old Ship, and participate in activities, will share in its financial upkeep.

**Our pledging goals**

For the current fiscal year (FY21/22) that ends on June 30, our goal had been to raise $275,000 from 131 Pledge Units. A pledge unit is a person or household who commits to support Old Ship with a financial contribution. If you are a New Pledge Unit, please consider contributing as a percentage of your annual income per the Fair Share Giving Guidelines (which can be viewed [here on the Old Ship website](http)). If you are an existing Pledge Unit, please consider a 20% increase over this fiscal year’s pledge, to help meet our overall goal for next year (FY22/23).

- The preliminary budget we have developed, reflecting input from Old Ship committees and our most current financial information, would require an additional $57,000 (20%) to balance revenues and expenses. [Click here for a draft of the budget.](#)
- There are three primary reasons for the needed increase. First, we would like to establish a Parish House maintenance fund with $28,000, allowing us to put money aside for future needs. (This would be needed regardless of the direction we choose for our Parish House.) Second, Religious Education expenses will increase $27,000 over the current year to reflect our plan to hire a one-half-time Director. In the current fiscal year we have not had paid RE...
staff, so this amount returns us to historical norms. Third, we plan on budgeting overall salary increases of 5%, the minimum that UUA advises, given the recent rate of inflation.

- We are carrying Minister expenses as flat, except for the 5% salary increase. The expected cost of an Interim Minister will be subject to further assessment, but we feel that the current expense level is appropriate.
- Ultimately, the budget will be based on Parish priorities, and our collective financial support for Old Ship.

At this point we are asking for a good faith pledge so that we can plan for the next fiscal year. With all the exciting opportunities we have on our horizon, your Board and Finance Committee are committed to working with you to ensure we remain financially strong.

With gratitude,
The Old Ship Finance Committee:
Janet Asnes
Jack Gomez
Elizabeth Murry
Ron Pollara
Nina Wellford

How do I make a pledge?
The Old Ship website provides useful pledge information. After you have decided what you would like to give to support the work of Old Ship during FY 2022/23 (July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023), either

- Pledge Online: Go to https://oldshipchurch.breezechms.com/form/22-23pledge
- Call Lisa Beck at the office (781-749-1679) to pledge in person or request a pledge card

How do I make payments on my pledge?
You do not have to make payments towards that pledge now, although advance payments will be accepted. There are many ways to make payments. Please call the office if you need help. Lisa can help you set up your Breeze account, so you can track all your donations to Old Ship through the year.
- Mail checks to the office (107 Main Street, Hingham, MA 02043). Write “2022/23 Pledge” on your check!
- Pay online through the Donate button on our website, weekly Constant Contacts, the order of service, or at oldshipchurch.breezechms.com. Choose Give to 2023 Fiscal Year, so your pledge payment is recorded correctly.
- Set up automatic monthly or other periodic payments online. Go online as above, choose “Choose Give to 2022/2023 Fiscal Year Pledge, so that your pledge is recorded correctly click pay by Credit/Debit card. The option will also appear to pay by ACH Bank Transfer. It’s easy and secure. Old Ship does NOT have access to your account information.

Do you have questions about pledging or about Old Ship’s finances? Join the Finance Committee and members of the Board for a Zoom meeting on January
25 at 7:00 pm. Click on the Zoom link to join the meeting.