



## Loving God, Serving Others, Transforming Lives.

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Dear SJUMC Family and Friends,

What distinguishes a stewardship pledge drive from secular pledge drives? It is that being God's steward means something about YOU...you as a unique child of God created to manage all the resources God has given to you.

So, why do you attend SJUMC? Your answer is likely deeply personal. Your response to it should, therefore, elicit a strong desire to support the church in its continuation, growth and outreach through its ministries. You see, the primary purpose of a stewardship drive is not about the church receiving your gifts to meet its budget, but about your desire to give.

Of fundamental importance is your personal recognition and acceptance that you are indeed God's steward. We are both servants of God will and stewards of God's many gifts. Being a good steward means delighting in all creation, having reverence for all persons, responsibly using the earth's resources and freely sharing the gifts entrusted to us with those in need and the less fortunate. A good steward makes God's love visible by imitating Jesus...just being a good disciple!

From this acknowledgement we stand in humble gratitude for all that God has bestowed upon us! We are but conduits of God's grace and gifts to the world. SJUMC allows each of us the opportunity to grow into this grace and participate in God's will for the world. It is such a gift! Please donate and pledge so that SJUMC can continue to do God's work. Thank you and may God bless you!

Your Stewardship Committee: Rev. Dr. Kelley O'Connor, Kimi Ronay, Gary Fujii, Joyce Oshiro, Lourdes Lem, and Jayne Muraki Rasmussen



***Please complete the enclosed/attached pledge card with your pledge and/or donation and return to SJUMC Office (6929 Franklin Blvd., Sacramento CA > 95823) by Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> if possible. You can also fill out the pledge card online at <https://sacjumc.com>. Though we will continue to collect pledges we will bless our stewardship efforts during worship on November 19<sup>th</sup>.***

***Our heartfelt thanks in advance for your generosity!***