

FURTHER TOGETHER FOR CHRIST!

Lord of Life Church

October 3, 2019

Dear Lord of Life Family,

God's sacrifice, the gift of his Son Jesus Christ, compels us to respond with a life of humble sacrifice and generosity. You have an opportunity to offer a sacrifice to the Lord in the form of a pledge commitment towards the *Further, Together, For Christ! Campaign*. As the title of our campaign clearly states, this campaign is *for Christ!* God wants us to take off the shackles of excessive debt around the ankles of our church in order to run for him. Each person should make a sacrifice to the Lord after prayerful consideration and according to his or her own heart. In Romans 12:1, the Apostle Paul urges us to offer ourselves as "living sacrifices". Let's be clear, life in Christ does involve sacrifice. Our Lord calls us to respond to his own sacrifice of mercy with a life of sacrifice—giving ourselves completely to the Lord.

What's inside?

1. **Further, Together, For Christ! Commitment Card and Envelope.** Please prayerfully consider and discuss your commitment. Ask God to bless you as you step out in faith and trust him. This pledge should be *over and above* your regular giving to Lord of Life. Bring this pledge card with you, sealed in the provided envelope, to worship on Sunday, October 20.
2. **Your Questions Answered.** These are answers to final questions you may have regarding the details of the campaign. If you have additional questions, please contact the campaign team. Their email addresses are provided on the Your Questions Answered page inside.

As you prepare to make your commitment, let me share three things:

- Give God an opportunity to stretch your faith!
- Don't be surprised if the Lord prompts you to revise and increase your commitment amount in the last hours. I've found the initial amount that pops into my head is usually just a starting point God uses to get me thinking. Let the final amount be a stretch of your faith. Be open to revising your gift.
- If you've never tried tithing 10 percent of your income to the local church, maybe now is a good time to take the next step. As I shared during the What's Next sermon series, tithing is an act of faith (Genesis 14:20), instructed by God (Leviticus 27:30), affirmed by Jesus (Luke 11:42, 20:25) and coupled with God's blessings (Malachi 3:8-11; Proverbs 3:5-10).

This is an opportunity to be drawn closer to God by making a sacrifice for his work; to slay materialism with generosity; to put God's promises to the test; to invest in eternity; to demonstrate your love and gratitude toward God; and to position our church for the future. If you need to review the introductory letter and FAQs from the first mailing, visit lolchurch.net and click on the *Further, Together, For Christ! Campaign*.

Let's run...*Further, Together, for Christ!*

Pastor Matt