

## **First Congregational United Church of Christ Grand Marais, MN**

### **STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE POLICY AND PROCEDURES**

**PURPOSE:** The goal of the Stewardship Committee includes, but is not limited to, generating financial support for the ministry programs of the congregation. In addition, the Committee will help the congregation better understand its relationship with the many resources God has entrusted to us. The Committee engages the congregation in a year-round program of stewardship formation, inspiring a spirit of gratitude and generosity among the church's members and friends.

#### **ESSENTIAL TASKS:**

1. Develop an annual plan/theme for the Fall Stewardship Campaign, as well as various other points during the year.
2. Invite and coordinate members and friends who will share personal testimonies about their commitment to giving, during worship and in printed church news.
3. Prepare and mail the annual Stewardship Campaign materials.
4. Arrange with the Pastor and worship leaders for a Pledge Dedication Sunday, when people can bring forward and dedicate their pledge cards.
5. Collate and record pledges. Be in communication with Finance Committee about amounts and trends. Review mid-year.
6. Educate the congregation and promote the receiving of our five United Church of Christ special offerings:
  - a. Our Christian World Mission (OCWM) – provide amount suggestions for budget planning.
  - b. Neighbors in Need Offering (Fall)
  - c. Christmas Fund Offering (December)
  - d. One Great Hour of Sharing Offering (Spring)
  - e. Strengthen the Church Offering (Summer)

**MEMBERSHIP:** Volunteers from the congregation, welcomed by the Board of Directors.

*(Approved by Board of Directors, 8.12.20)*