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Dear Members and Friends of Faith:

Christian stewardship is based on the belief that the world, and everything in it, ultimately belongs to God. It is the process of using the God-given resources that He has entrusted to each of us to accomplish His work in His world.

The Faith Session takes very seriously our responsibility to be wise and faithful stewards of the resources that, through you, God has provided. We recognize that everything we have is a gift from God. We also recognize that everything God inspires you to give to the ministry of Faith Church is meant to accomplish God's purposes for God's glory. God is good, and He can do immeasurably more with what we give than we could ever accomplish on our own.

In the past few years, we have faced many challenges, including some financial challenges. We are so grateful for your gifts over the last year and especially for your sacrificial giving during the last quarter. Thank you! We were able to come very close to a balanced budget for the fiscal year that ended September 30, 2015. For the coming year, the Session has developed a still more conservative budget that we believe can accomplish what God wants us to do to further His Kingdom in Kingstowne, in Northern Virginia, and around the world.

Faith Promises play an essential role in each individual's service and obedience to God. Your Faith Promises also help us to plan for 2016. Included with this letter is a Faith Promise Card, along with instructions for its completion. Your Faith Promise is your commitment to God for the coming year. It represents what you pledge to give to the work of our Lord through Faith Church.

We will dedicate the Faith Promises on Sunday, November 22, as part of our Worship service. Between now and then, please take time to pray and seek God's will for the commitment that He wants you to make for 2016. Then, return your Faith Promise card indicating your commitment. We pray that God will lead you to step out in faith through sacrificial giving as we step out together in the work God has planned for us.

Dr. Neil Smith  
Senior Pastor

Rev. David Fischler  
Associate Pastor

Mr. Mike Bittenbender  
Youth Ministry Director

Mrs. Julie Cloutier  
Children's Ministry Director

In His Service,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jerry Seager".

Ruling Elder Jerry Seager

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Neil Smith".

Pastor Neil Smith

## 2016 FAITH PROMISE CARDS

After prayerful consideration:

1. Indicate on the portion of the card titled **MY FAITH PROMISE TO GOD** the amount you have decided to give for the General Operating Budget. Tear off and seal that part of the card in the envelope provided.
2. On the portion of the card titled **MY FAITH PROMISE TO MY CHURCH**, write only your name and address. You do not have to enclose this part of the card in an envelope, but please return it as well.
3. Please turn in both portions on **Sunday, November 22, 2015**, or as soon as you are able.
4. The remaining portion titled **MY FAITH PROMISE TO MYSELF** is your record of what you have promised to God. It makes a nice Bible bookmark.

The above procedure will permit Faith Presbyterian Church to formulate a budget for the New Year while keeping your Faith Promise confidential.

### MY FAITH PROMISE TO GOD

With faith in God to provide and trusting He will enable me to do so, I make the following faith promise.

Please circle the amount of weekly gift or other commitment for 2016.

\$500 \$450 \$425 \$400 \$350 \$325  
 \$300 \$275 \$250 \$225 \$200 \$175  
 \$150 \$125 \$100 \$75 \$50 \$40  
 \$35 \$30 \$25 \$20 \$10 \$5

Other Weekly Amount \_\_\_\_\_

One Time Amount \_\_\_\_\_

(Place in sealed envelope in collection plate)

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### MY FAITH PROMISE TO MYSELF

Out of gratitude to God for His gifts to me and trusting God to enable me, I have made the following promise to Him.

\$500 \$450 \$425 \$400 \$350 \$325  
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 \$150 \$125 \$100 \$75 \$50 \$40  
 \$35 \$30 \$25 \$20 \$10 \$5

Other Weekly Amount \_\_\_\_\_

One Time Amount \_\_\_\_\_

For 52 weeks beginning January 3, 2016  
 FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
 (Keep this section for your records)

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### MY FAITH PROMISE TO MY CHURCH

I have made a faith promise to God to assist Faith Presbyterian Church in the work of Jesus Christ in Northern Virginia and throughout the world.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

(Place in collection plate)