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Dear members, adherents and friends of Parkwood Church

*"How can I repay the Lord for all his goodness to me?" (Psalm 116:12)*

As we invite you to share in a season of stewardship, we would like you to step back a little bit, look around, and give thanks for the many ways in which the Parkwood community has found a lot of favour in the eyes of God. We are deeply grateful for our community at Parkwood and the way we have grown together in faith. Through your generosity and kindheartedness, we have been able to maintain our church building, set up a livestreaming system in the sanctuary, grow our Sunday school program, and welcome newcomers from different parts of the world. Through your profound sense of stewardship, we have also been able to support mission work within and outside of Canada, pay off the external loan from recent church building expansion, maintain a healthy benevolent fund to support those among us in financial distress, and maintained our outreach to a local college and the wider community.

However, as we look to the coming months, we face specific challenges such as ever-increasing utility bills, significant necessary repairs to our church building, and increasing staff costs, all of which means that our current operational budget needs a significant extra push over and above our regular givings.

To continue this important work, we are asking you to consider prayerfully making a special personal pledge to Parkwood's operational costs above your regular tithes. We aim to raise at least \$20K by the end of the year to top up our regular givings and bridge the deficit. The Scripture reminds us in II Corinthians 9:6-7 that... 'each man shall give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.'

You can donate by enclosing your gift in your offering envelope and returning it in person on Sunday, marked at the back 'personal pledge'. If you do not currently have offering envelopes, you can enclose your gift in a regular envelope marked 'personal pledge' with your name and mailing address to facilitate issuing a tax receipt. You can also donate online by e-transfer to [donate@parkwoodchurch.ca](mailto:donate@parkwoodchurch.ca). Please include your name and postal address and mark your donation 'personal pledge'.

Thank you for your continued dedication to Parkwood and for answering this stewardship to support our congregation's mission.

In His service,

James T. Hurd  
Minister

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