

# Looking & for Answers?



## Questions and Answers

### Invitation to Give

Everyone will receive an Invitation-to-Prayer Packet. How might you respond to the opportunities that God is placing before you?

We know God is at work in our lives, helping us grow in our faith and generosity. Prayer is essential.

### Some Suggested Giving Challenges

- 1. Matching Gift** - As a starting point, we ask you to pray and consider a Matching Gift. A Matching Gift means doubling your current giving over the next three years. For example, if you are currently giving \$50 a week (\$2,600 a year) to Prince of Peace's ministry, would you pray and consider giving an additional \$50 a week to *No Debt! Know Mission!* for a three year period?
- 2. Pacesetter Gift** - If financially possible, we hope you will pray and consider making a Pacesetter Gift of \$5,000 to \$25,000, given over the next three years.
- 3. Major Gift** - We invite members who have been financially blessed to pray and consider making a Major Gift of \$50,000 to \$1,000,000, or more.

To meet our Campaign goals, we need everyone to respond as generously as possible.

### How can I help make this Campaign a success?

- By praying for the success of our Campaign and asking God, "What do You want to do through me to accomplish Your will for Prince of Peace?"
- By attending Invitation-to-Prayer Week services April 17, 18 & 21.
- By returning your commitment card as part of worship during Commitment Week, May 1, 2 & 5.
- By prayerfully responding to God's gift of love with your generous gift.

  
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## Disciples and Friends of Prince of Peace,

There is a special energy growing at Prince of Peace as we gear up for our Capital Campaign, *No Debt! Know Mission!* This campaign calls us all to commitment and generosity. Let each of us move forward on our spiritual journey and rejoice in the opportunity to be generous and be a part of *No Debt! Know Mission!*

### The *No Debt! Know Mission!* Capital Campaign has one clear objective:

We seek to grow in faith and generosity and over three years, eliminate our current indebtedness of \$4.45 million.

### What are we being asked to do?

- **Pray.** Prayerfully consider how you can make a financial commitment *over and above* your regular giving for the next three years.
- **Be informed.** Over the next few weeks, you will be receiving information about the Campaign. Most of all, read through your packet of materials that you will receive at worship during Invitation-to-Prayer Week, April 17, 18 & 21. The packet will tell the story and describe the challenge.
- **Engage.** Attend worship services leading up to Commitment Week, May 1, 2 & 5. Ask questions!
- **Give as you are called.** “Not equal gifts, but equal generosity” is our stewardship focus.

### When does *No Debt! Know Mission!* begin, and when does it end?

*No Debt! Know Mission!* is a three year financial commitment from May 2010 to May 2013. During Commitment Week, May 1, 2 & 5, we will ask our congregation to pledge a generous financial gift *over and above* regular giving to eliminate our debt. Everyone will receive an Invitation-to-Prayer Packet in worship during Invitation-to-Prayer Week, April 17, 18 & 21, which will include information, inspirational thoughts about Christian generosity, and a pledge form to be returned at worship during Commitment Week.

### What are the “core values” for the *No Debt! Know Mission!* Campaign?

First, we will reaffirm that all of our resources belong to God. Each Christian is a manager of the resources God has blessed us with. Second, we will let God lead each disciple or friend of Prince of Peace who wishes to be a part of *No Debt! Know Mission!* There will be no coercion or manipulation to force a financial commitment from any person or family. This is an opportunity to grow in faith and generosity. Third, we will model financial integrity at every turn. Outside of direct Capital Campaign expenses, every dollar given to this Capital Campaign will be used to eliminate our debt. Fourth, we will encourage biblical financial principles.

### How will the *No Debt! Know Mission!* Campaign work?

It is important that each of us knows what this Campaign is supporting and how every individual may become involved. We are convinced that God is calling us to a new exodus, setting us free from debt so that we might be set free for greater mission and ministry. In addition to building a solid financial foundation, we have a dream to build on the success of our current Mission Outpost. By expanding mission out into the community we can do even more to meet the growing needs of people in Dakota County and beyond. Imagine a mission center so effective and compelling that others in the community come to serve with us side-by-side; local businesses and corporations are drawn to partner with us to make a real difference in people’s lives. Just imagine the relationships that will be formed and the seeds of faith that will be planted.

That’s God’s vision for us! Each of us is being challenged to pray, “Lord, how would You have me respond to Your vision for my church?” Each of us, being firmly convinced by God to be generous and to give with joy, will pledge to God in faith over a three year span. This commitment will be *over and above* regular giving to the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ through Prince of Peace. We will celebrate as we fulfill our commitments and watch God accomplish “above all that we ask or think”!

### How do I learn more about the *No Debt! Know Mission!* Capital Campaign?

You can visit the Prince of Peace website at [www.princeofpeaceonline.org](http://www.princeofpeaceonline.org) and click on the *No Debt! Know Mission!* button for up-to-date information and prayer guidance.

### Is this a good time to begin a Capital Campaign?

The leadership prayed and wrestled about the timing of this Campaign and sensed God’s calling to trust in God and move forward. We also had conversations with many people in our congregation. Whatever impacts there may be in the timing of a Capital Campaign, it is certain that the outcome is in God’s hands. We don’t know what tomorrow holds. But God does!

### How can I be a part of *No Debt! Know Mission!* right now?

First, be praying now for what God might want you to give over a three year period. And, ask God to continue to provide the resources to keep the ministry of Prince of Peace strong on a daily and ongoing basis. Secondly, obey. Whatever God calls you to in prayer, obey. Trust that where God guides, God provides.

### How much is our debt and how did we incur it?

The debt is \$4.45M. The church has been carrying debt in this range for more than 20 years. Much has been invested in our campus through additions, updates, purchase of the Christian Life Center and remodeling. Rather than paying off and incurring new debt, our existing debt has been rolled into investments in our facilities over the years.

### Is my gift tax-deductible?

Yes! Gifts are tax-deductible if you itemize your contributions when filing your tax return. If you have questions, please contact your tax advisor.

### Will the *No Debt! Know Mission!* Capital Campaign provide funding for larger capital replacement expenditures, as needed?

The objective of *No Debt! Know Mission!* is to eliminate our debt over the next three years. However, there will be an opportunity on the Campaign commitment card to make a gift to our newly established Capital Replacement Fund. We have identified over one-half million dollars in capital items beyond life expectancy. We will update the use of this fund regularly. Gifts to this fund will be totally separate from any gifts or commitments for debt elimination.

### How will *No Debt! Know Mission!* affect our regular operating budget?

The general ministry budget currently includes the interest payments on our debt. More than \$200,000 has been paid out of our general ministry offerings for annual interest on our loan. With the support of *No Debt! Know Mission!*, principal payments can begin in June. As principal payments are made, the interest payments will decrease and funds will become available for ministry when our debt is eliminated. During the Campaign, interest savings will be used to replenish restricted funds and build cash reserves, putting us in a strong financial position when our debt is repaid. After the Campaign, the freed up funds from interest savings will be used to move forward in ministry, not to backfill current budget shortfalls. This is why it is important for us to include in our prayers and in our own giving patterns support for regular giving to the ministry of Prince of Peace.

The giving table below may be helpful in planning your gift as it demonstrates how a weekly gift can grow over a one or three year period.

My weekly gift:	Amounts to an annual gift of:	Amounts to a three year gift of:
\$250	\$13,000	\$39,000
200	10,400	31,200
150	7,800	23,400
100	5,200	15,600
70	3,640	10,920
50	2,600	7,800
40	2,080	6,240
30	1,560	4,680
25	1,300	3,900
20	1,040	3,120
15	780	2,340
10	520	1,560

### Does Prince of Peace have an electronic funds transfer program?

If you are interested in having your gift electronically transferred from your bank to the church on a regular basis, check the electronic giving box on your commitment card.

### May I contribute gifts other than cash?

Besides cash, you may contribute gifts of stock, property, life insurance and other securities.