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Dear Friends,

I write this message as chair of our Ministerial Search Committee.

St. John's is our spiritual home. It is a beacon of religious tolerance and freedom. People from many walks of life attend our church. It is a place where one can sit next to a stranger, have a conversation, make a new friend, and be enriched. St. John's is vibrant and growing, and we need to keep it that way.

Why do each of us look forward each week, to walking into this beautiful building?

Because we welcome people of varied beliefs, each person's search for their individual truth is respected, there is beautiful music, love is in the air, and we can anticipate and receive an intelligent and inspirational message.

No one can take away our loving and respectful ways. Our beautiful building is secure. Songs will continue to be sung. But we are at a crossroads.

Going forward, assuring the quality of our future ministry is up to us. This means we need to become financially sound this year to attract the best ministerial candidates. And, as our search proceeds, we must be able to offer a fair and competitive salary to our new minister.

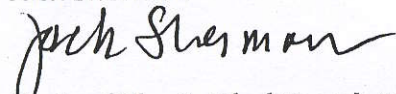
All of us will have to dig as deeply into our pockets as we possibly can to give our Church the sound financial footing that it needs.

We know these are hard times for many, but the church needs you to do the very best you can.

Our Church is depending on it.

Sincerely,

Jack Sherman



Chair of The Settled Search Committee