First Congregational Church
of Glen Ellyn

Finance Committee Update - Nov 2026

As we move into the heart of our church year, I wanted to share a brief update on FCCGE's financial position and thank you for the extraordinary generosity our congregation continues to demonstrate.

Our successful Capital Campaign gives us much to celebrate. More than $5.2 million has been pledged over the next four years to advance our endowment, building improvements and a newly established community fund. Under the plan presented at the Annual Meeting, collections received during this first year will be directed to the endowment, strengthening FCCGE's financial foundation and enabling these investments to contribute toward annual operations. Collections in remaining years will be invested equally across our capital campaign initiatives. Just as importantly, annual pledges and offerings remain the crucial fuel that powers our day-to-day ministries and operations.

FY 25-26 was a success!

- Operational collections for the prior fiscal year ended at $1,111,781, which was 3.6% below plan. However, our dedicated staff members and volunteers remained fiscally diligent, and we ended the year with a modest operating surplus of nearly $4k.

FY 26-27 is off to a good start

- Through September, pledges and offerings total $315,488, which is roughly 5% below plans. This gap is much smaller than it appeared earlier in the year and is an improvement over this time last year, as some of the variance reflects pledge timing and recurring-giving adjustments.
- Operating cash sits at nearly $700k, which is well above our ~$300k benchmark for 90 days of expenses.

Capital Campaign collections are underway

- More than $600k in capital campaign pledges has been collected thus far. For context, we anticipate collecting between $2.1 million and $2.2 million in capital campaign pledges across FY 26-27.

What can you do now?

- **Confirm your annual pledge:** Make sure your annual pledge is current. If you give automatically, please confirm that your recurring payment information remains active and up to date.
- **Consider an extra gift:** Consider an additional year-end gift, if you are able, to help FCCGE maintain the programs, ministries and operations that make our church community possible.
- **Accelerate campaign gifts:** Revisit your capital campaign pledges and consider fulfilling those gifts this holiday season.
- **Optimize your giving:** Check whether your employer offers matching gifts, and when giving online, consider selecting the option to cover transaction fees so your full intended gift supports FCCGE.

If you have questions about your pledge, recurring giving, or online donations, please contact the church office at 630-469-3096 ext. 10.

We are deeply grateful for the generosity that made our Capital Campaign such a success, and equally grateful for the faithful annual giving that sustains FCCGE every day. Continued attention to both will help keep our church

financially strong today while building an even stronger foundation for the future.

Peace and blessings,

Tim Keeley
FCCGE Treasurer