



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST · BOULDER

Campaign Planning Study

A LEGACY OF LOVE. A FUTURE OF HOPE.

Since 1864, First Congregational Church of Boulder has been a place where love knits us together, hope rises in our midst, and faith is put into action. As the first church built in Boulder, we have grown into a vibrant, multi-generational community rooted in worship, compassion, and justice.

We are a progressive congregation of the United Church of Christ, where the welcome is wide and we listen to a still speaking God. Our life together is joyful and active, filled with meaningful worship, strong relationships, and a shared desire to live Christ's love in our city and beyond.



A TIME TO STRENGTHEN OUR FOUNDATION

As we look ahead, we recognize a growing gap between our ministry and the resources needed to sustain it. Rising costs, shrinking rental income, and increasing demands on our ministries place pressure on our operating budget.

At the same time, we are called to do even more – care for our historic facilities, expand our impact, and ensure this church remains a place of welcome and hope for generations to come. **This moment invites us to strengthen our foundation so our ministry will continue to thrive.**



BUILDING A LEGACY

for Generations to Come

In response, we are exploring a set of meaningful priorities that will strengthen our church today while preparing us for tomorrow. Together, these priorities reflect both who we have been and who we are called to become – a church rooted deeply in faith and reaching boldly into the future.



Establish an Unrestricted Endowment *\$4 million (long-term goal)*

Our proposal is to create a new, flexible endowment to support the ongoing life and ministry of our church. Unlike our existing endowment funds, which are designated for specific purposes, this new one would provide reliable annual support for our operating budget sustaining worship, pastoral care, faith formation, and outreach. This fund would strengthen our long-term financial picture, enabling us to maintain our current expectations for annual stewardship, and create a lasting legacy.

Expand Geothermal System to Sanctuary *\$300,000*

We have the opportunity to expand our existing, but limited, geothermal heating and cooling system to serve our historic sanctuary, building on a forward-thinking investment we made years ago. We remain committed to providing comfort and accessibility for all who gather in this sacred space.

This project would reduce our carbon footprint and reflect our commitment to Creation Justice, while also improving energy efficiency and lowering the ongoing cost of utilities. We estimate that it would take approximately 14 years to recoup the cost of this investment through lower energy bills.



Mission & Justice Initiative *5% of funds raised*

We propose to dedicate a portion of funds raised in a campaign to a shared mission project, extending our faith into action beyond our walls. Through a thoughtful, congregation-wide discernment process, we would determine how best to respond to God's call for a more just world. This initiative would unite us around a shared purpose, deepen our engagement, and expand our impact.



YOUR VOICE MATTERS

We want to hear from you as a valued member of our church. We respectfully ask you to share your time and perspective as part of this campaign feasibility study, which will help shape our path forward. Your insight, your hopes, and your prayers are essential as we discern how God is calling us forward. Together, we can honor the legacy we have received and help build a future filled with faith, hope, and love.