

"LEAP OF FAITH"

What is the Leap of Faith? Between 1996 and 2015, the Leap of Faith offering has provided \$392,000 to make ends meet between the already of Rincon's mission and the not yet of funds. The Leap of Faith offering has been an important strategy for living into God's call to the church, and stretching funding to meet the urgent needs for ministry.

This year, the congregation passed a budget that reflected a vision that grows the church as well as deepening our relationships with local and global partners. We passed a budget, counting on our history of generous gifts to the Leap of Faith offering. In the past, some have opted to donate stock shares or used cars in lieu of a monetary donation. However, cash or checks are also welcome!

Why Leap of Faith? Because we all want to stretch and wish we could do more. Leap of Faith is that opportunity to stretch and do more. It is an opportunity — an opportunity to participate further in the mission of Being the Church — an opportunity beyond your annual pledge — an opportunity to participate with your Rincon community, stretching to be more of God's heart and hands in action.

A Letter from Pastor Delle McCormick and Treasurer Larry Schloss Oct 5, 2016

We are writing to invite you to take a *Leap of Faith!* The *Leap of Faith* has been Rincon's strategy of living into the vision to be *God's heart, hands and feet in action*. Since 1996, Rincon has received more than 340,000 dollars through the *Leap of Faith* offering. But we know God's vision for us always exceeds the resources at hand.

This year, the congregation passed a budget that reflected a vision that grows the church as well as deepening our relationships with local and global partners. We passed a balanced budget with knowing that generous people would step forward and make financial gifts that would cover our *Leap of Faith* budgeted revenue of \$30,000. After all, we'd done this before, and quiet gifts over the budget year have always completed our *Leap of Faith* needs in the past.

But not this year! **Not yet.** The Good News is that we already have over a third of our *Leap of Faith* budgeted income for 2016.

We have been doing the work we anticipated, committing to the mission and directions we set, meeting our obligation to pay our talented staff, and *being faithful stewards* of our *expense* budget on important ministries for the year. A very few months remain in our church program year for which we have been incurring expenses.

As a faith community experiencing God's spirit in our mission and vision, each of us now has the opportunity to quietly give a little (or a lot) extra – to take the *Leap of Faith* we depend on.

Our goal is 20,000 dollars. Please prayerfully consider what you can contribute to meet the promise we made last January.

Thank you! Sincerely, Rev. Delle McCormick, Sr. Pastor Larry Schloss, Treasurer

Leap of Faith
is about Rincon stretching even more
to "Be The Church"

Every year Rincon UCC stretches to Be a faith community:

- Where you can Be yourself <http://www.rinconucc.org/about-us.html>
- Where your physical and spiritual health will Be supported <http://www.rinconucc.org/health-ministry.html>
- Where you will Be developing your faith <http://www.rinconucc.org/adult-faith-development.html>
- Where you will Be part of God's heart and hands in action <http://www.rinconucc.org/social-justice.html>

Leap of Faith effects people's lives when Rincon UCC is Be-ing The Church and by stretching we can do even more to "Be The Church".

To stretch a little this year and participate in Rincon's Leap of Faith for 2016, simply, [click](#) <http://www.rinconucc.org/make-a-donation.html> or put your special offering in the basket or plate on Sunday or mail it to the church, marked "Leap of Faith". Some have also opted to donate stock shares or used cars.

Peace & blessings, Michael Wilson Stewardship and Finance Ministry Team Chair