

VIDEO COLLABORATION WITH LCTV - A Brief Overview of Our Financial Picture: Our 'financial leadership' team of Phil Helgerson (Treasurer) and Shirley Tawney (Investment Committee Chair) and Pastor Char have been exploring the financial picture of Second Church. Armed with facts and figures, they reached out to LCTV for help in presenting this overview to members and friends of our church. Larry Sidelinger and Tylor Davis (LCTV videographer) answered the call and helped produce a video that tells this story.

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Pastor Char provides this commentary: *For the first time in our 225 year history of gathering as a church, we are approaching our stewardship season and pledge appeal in a new and authentic way - by offering a video presentation of our 2021 budget, our proposed 2022 budget, our current invested funds and all the considerations that go into faithful pledge giving at Second Church. It's exciting because it's new; It's important because it's an honest reflection of our financial picture; and It's relevant because it is live and "now."*

Numbers and budget details can often be pretty dry - but how can we not listen when it's our cheerful Treasurer, all decked out in red and with a fine new haircut, and our spunky, long-term Investment Chair and vitality champion, Shirley Tawney, leading the conversation?! Honest dialogue, biblical scripture, colorful charts, informative budget information and even a comic strip are incorporated to help us, the viewers, understand and relate and be informed about Second Church's financial story and our plan for the near future.

Shirley Tawney adds these insights: *My part as Investment Chair is to explain our endowment and how important legacies are and possibly instill a desire to leave one. Our endowment was/is built on rock as we heard in Matthew 7 about building a house on rock rather than sand! I speak of the "Saints of Second" and how the generosity of four in particular is helping us to be able to be the church we are today – "Saints of Second Church". While our endowment is a blessing today because of the generosity of those who went before, it is imperative that we strive to live with our endowment, not on it.*

Watch the video here: <https://vimeo.com/639520389/917b116126>. We owe it to ourselves and to our future as Second Congregational Church to be informed and sincere in our prayerful consideration of the support that we will provide through our Pledges this year of Treasure, Time and Talent.