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October 9, 2026

My friends,

Mindful that Session has decided to keep this year's stewardship season particularly low key, I'm following suit with an annual stewardship letter that is likewise low key.

First, though, something that is not low key: Thank you so much for your continued support of this family of faith and our work through your contributions of time, talent, and money.

Now, back to low key.

The Challenge Budget Session has drafted for 2027 represents a roughly 5% increase over 2026.

There are essentially three factors driving this increase:

- an 8% increase in the cost of benefits;
- a 3% raise for Staff (who did not receive a raise in 2026); and
- an increase in funds committed to mission, in part because the demand for help from our sisters and brothers in the community struggling to cover basic living expenses continues to grow.

As always, we ask that you prayerfully consider your financial support of Central's witness and mission. A pledge card is enclosed for your use; you can also pledge through the church website.

Hard copies of the 2027 Challenge Budget will be available in Fellowship Hall.

We ask that you do your best to make your pledge by **Sunday, November 8.**

If you have any questions about the 2027 Challenge Budget please feel free to speak with me or any Ruling Elder.

Grace and peace,

Rev. Dr. David Barker
Pastor

