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Dear Pinnacle Members & Friends

On Our Way Rejoicing! I love that your Stewardship Committee chose this theme for our 2024 campaign. It is an encouraging reminder that we are on a journey of faith together and alongside one another. It is a reminder that God is worthy of our praise and our joy. And it is a reminder that when we rejoice we are sharing the wonder of our journey with others so that they, too, can join our chorus of praise.

As we begin this new chapter of shared ministry at Pinnacle, I invite you to be a part of the strong chorus of rejoicing as we seek to grow our ministry and our impact in the Valley to bring glory to God. Pinnacle is poised to play an even more significant role in our community, and we are ready to welcome people to our campus with established and growing family ministry, adult ministries, music offerings, mission engagement, and meaningful worship. We are a loving and caring congregation with faithful deacons and lay ministers through our Stephen Ministry program. We pray with and for one another. We study scripture together in several Bible studies and small group opportunities. Indeed, Pinnacle is already thriving, and what a joy it is for us to welcome others.

Two years ago, congregational leaders made the decision to invest in the future by approving budgets with expenses above pledged income in the hopes that the investment, particularly in new ministry staff, would result in growth. The plan was to cover the increased expenses utilizing cash from prior years. This past year was the first year where we utilized some of the reserves to cover expenses. We have planned to do the same in the current and next fiscal year.

These projections are based on our current pledges and current giving. An increase in one-time gifts and pledges for 2024 could completely change our outlook. Instead of wondering whether we'll make the budget, we can have discussions about how we'll use additional funds to support ministries locally, and throughout the world. Additional funds, right now and throughout this year, would push us to dream about the ways that we can further Christ's message well beyond our campus and into the community.

Please prayerfully consider whether this is the year you might be able to increase your financial contribution to our ministries either with a one-time contribution helping us to end this fiscal year strong in June, or through an increase in your annual pledge to help us plan for next year's budget. Thank you for your support and for considering this direct request for a strong financial start to 2024. I am available if you ever have questions or want to talk about our shared ministry. *We are already on our way, and I'm so very glad we are!*

On Our Way Rejoicing,

The Rev. Erik P. Khoobyarian
Senior Pastor