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I want to say a few things about how important this Church is in my life and why Roz and I have been active members here and have pledged for the past 45 years..

We came to Immanuel at the invitation of good friends in the early 70s and were immediately welcomed by this friendly Congregation. Bill Dols was the Rector then. I still remember his Sermon about holding to personal values of honesty and fairness during the height of Watergate. His sermon left me wanting more religious thought and insight. Today, the thread of excellent Sermons continues as well as our strong ties with the Seminary. This Church Family continues to support my desire to serve God, help others and treat all people fairly.

It is a joy to serve with others here whether assisting in worship, serving on the Vestry, or working in the pumpkin patch to support our strong Outreach Program.

By working together, we become a closer Congregation that continues to support one another during the difficult times in our lives.

It is essential that we all pledge annually. The total pledged amount determines our Church's Budget for the coming year. Each year Roz and I find that in what we pledge we get back many times over. Rev. Dols made this observation many years ago: "Your check stubs are a good portrait of your values and what you deem important in life." We still pay by check and it remains a good reminder.

I hope you will think and pray about your Pledge for the coming year.

Thank You.