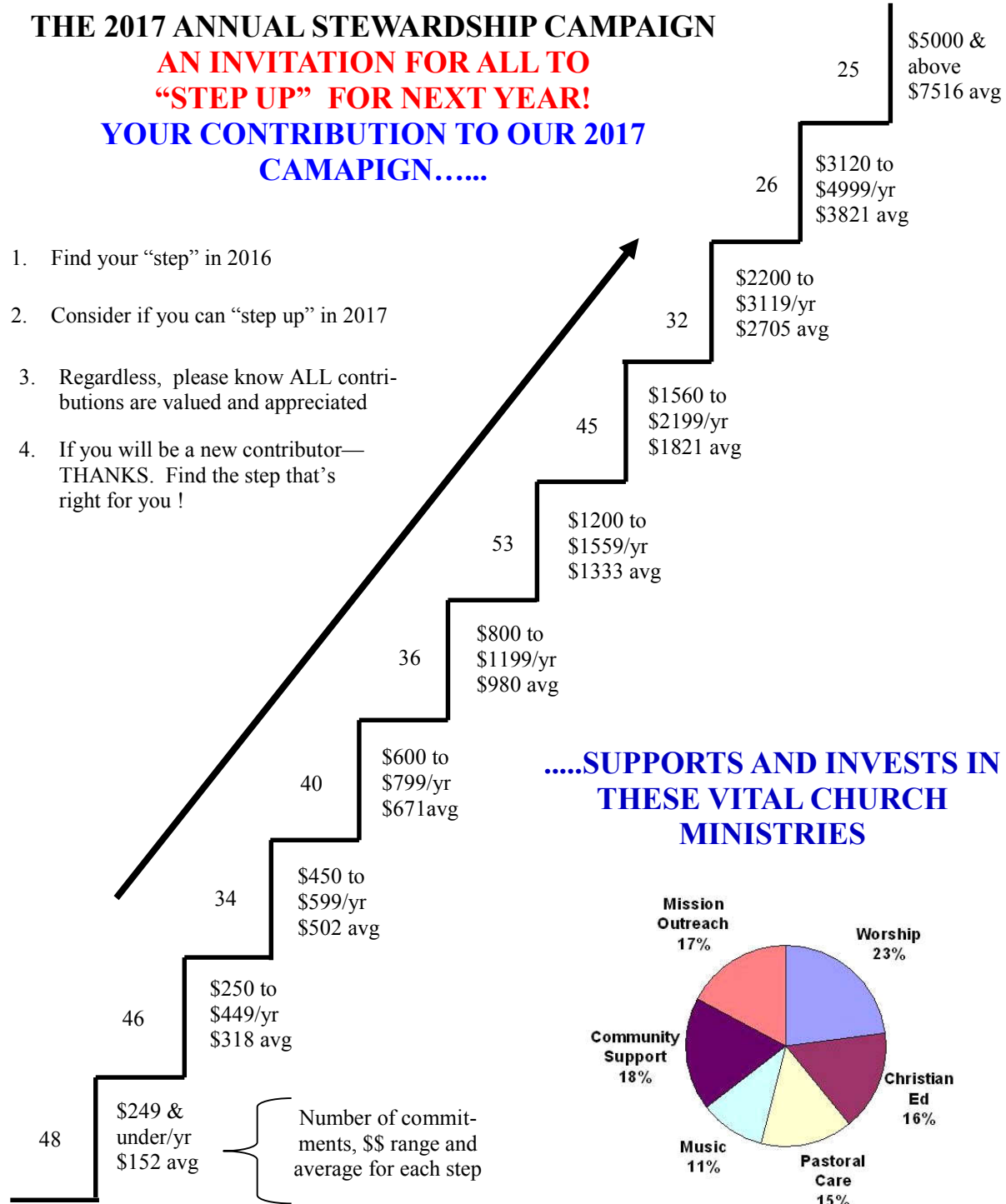


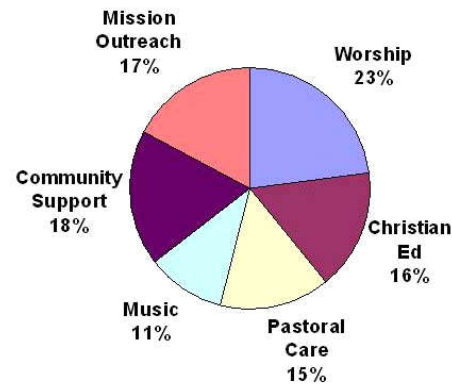
THE 2017 ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

AN INVITATION FOR ALL TO "STEP UP" FOR NEXT YEAR! YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO OUR 2017 CAMPAIGN.....

1. Find your "step" in 2016
2. Consider if you can "step up" in 2017
3. Regardless, please know ALL contributions are valued and appreciated
4. If you will be a new contributor— THANKS. Find the step that's right for you !



.....SUPPORTS AND INVESTS IN THESE VITAL CHURCH MINISTRIES



An Invitation to STEP UP..

...To invest in our church's life-changing mission to:

- Enhance the intellectual and spiritual growth of our members, friends and their families
- Build community
- Drive social justice



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**YOUR INVESTMENT MAKES POSSIBLE SO MANY THINGS YOU CARE ABOUT—
WE INVITE YOU TO “STEP UP” IF YOU CAN FOR 2017.**

Christian Education - Margie & Peter Brandt:

“It’s not your typical Sunday school! The teachers are exceptional and use creative methods to communicate the same messages being delivered during the sermon that Sunday. Our daughters, Natalie and Lucy, especially enjoyed overcoming shyness being in the many ‘shows’ and programs presented to the adult congregation. We are happy and confident our children are gaining perspective on what it means to be a Christian and having lots of fun along the way.”



Social Justice—Faye Richardson:

“Over the past months it’s been our privilege to become a new community of friends for a courageous and resilient Syrian refugee family. It has indeed taken a village. Generous people donated furniture and household goods to make the family’s new home warm and welcoming. Over the summer volunteer tutors launched the family into English; medical appointments were scheduled with physicians, dentists and eye doctors; first-ever swimming lessons were given and scholarships lined up for soccer and tennis camps. It hasn’t all been easy. Finding affordable housing in our area was possible only through the generosity of a sympathetic landlord. Working with the state’s social service agency is complicated and time consuming. Not easy, but in return this wonderful family has made us laugh and dance (Syrian style) and see with fresh eyes this beautiful place we call home.”



Building Community - Fred Behringer:

“As anyone familiar with the FCCOL knows, the church offers quite a range of opportunities for community involvement! I began helping at the New London Homeless Hospitality Center just over a year ago, one night a week from 6 -9. I help with check-in and the front desk. I can’t help but feel that the respect and love shown the guests helps them with their troubles. Working at the shelter has increased my appreciation for the complexity of homelessness. I’ve also gained a great appreciation and respect for the staff of the center. Keeping a shelter running 24/7 and helping the guests sort out their issues is not easy work. I’m motivated as much in helping the staff as I am the guests.”

Spiritual Experience – Music—Bruce Anderson

“When FCCOL members are asked, ‘what do you like most about our church?’, many respond about the strength of our music program, anchored by the Senior Choir. We have been so fortunate over the years for Carleen’s leadership and in more recent years, for Simon Holt’s considerable talents as Director and also at the organ. The choir adds a vitality to our services in a way that is very meaningful to so many in our congregation. It’s a privilege for me to be in the balcony on Sundays and at our Wednesday rehearsals enjoying the fellowship and knowing that our efforts are much appreciated by FCCOL members. None of this would be possible without the generosity of the congregation which supports the choir and our entire ministry of music at FCCOL. Our program is considered one of the strongest around because it is valued and important to our members. Thank you!”



Building community – Louise Lynch:

“What I love about the Shoreline Soup Kitchen & Pantry is working with the other volunteers and meeting the guests who are from very diverse racial and ethnic groups from my own. We volunteers get to put into practice what we think about on Sundays at church—greeting our guests with hospitality and compassion, ensuring fairness, hoping people are having a good time while awaiting their turn to shop in the pantry downstairs, being friendly and courteous. I love living in rural Lyme, but at the Food Pantry, I get to live a little global.”

