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Dear Center Church Family,

We couldn't have done it without you and your heartwarming generosity. Not only do we have a newly-restored church steeple standing tall in the downtown Hartford sky, but we have astounded everyone and defied the predictions of our consultants, Partners for Sacred Places, by raising enough money to get the work started.

Now, we are about to launch Phase Two of the overall fundraising effort. For that purpose, a group of Center Church members has launched The 1636 Heritage Partnership, Inc., a tax-exempt charitable organization solely dedicated to restoring and maintaining the 1807 Meeting House and the 1909 Church House.

Phase Two is where we go outside to the general public in order to complete the payment for the steeple restoration. We still have to raise some \$1.4 million to complete paying for the steeple restoration.

One of the advantages of having a tax-exempt public charitable organization like The 1636 Heritage Partnership is that donations may be eligible for matching gifts from employers in the Greater Hartford area, including corporations and professional agencies.

Be sure to check with your employer to see if they make matching gifts to non-religious charitable organizations like The 1636 Heritage Partnership, Inc. That way, your donation in any amount may be doubled. If you work for such a corporation or professional agency let Joe Bradley know by email at josephb477@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Joseph W. Bradley,
President and Chairman of the Board
The 1636 Heritage Partnership, Inc.