

The Annual Report of the Development Committee:

“One visions, one mission, one home. In covenant, we build together.” This is the motto the Development Committee created to kick off our capital campaign for the renovation of the farmhouse at Pilgrim Lodge to become the home of our administrative offices. We will be saving \$36,000 a year on rent. It will free up that money for our future work and mission. Much of the project will be funded by the sale of the wood lot behind Rockcraft. As a Committee, we created the Capital Campaign-Farmhouse to help fund the project. To donate, please go to the Maine Conference Website www.maineucc.org and selete the Capital Campaign tab. This is very exciting project as it will free up funds for our vision and mission as a church.

The Development Committee has also been working to build up donations to *Friends of the Maine Conference* (FoMC) along with the basic support of OCWM, *Our Churches Wider Mission*. These are ways of pooling our resources to support the conference’s work and ministry to the church. It is all about collaborative relationships and strengthening the bonds that hold our churches together. With energy, vision, and collaboration, we are never meant to walk alone—our ministries thrive when we lean on one another. To donate to FoMC, please go the Maine Conference Website. By pooling ideas, resources, and support, congregations can do far more together than we ever could apart.

The Development Committee has been surprisingly creative as well. We wrote logos, produced videos, and even wrote a few songs which you will hear later.

In his book The Spirituality of Fundraising, Henri Nouwen wrote:

“Fundraising is also always a call to conversion. And this call comes to both those who seek funds and those who have funds. Whether we are asking for money or giving money, we are drawn together by God who is about to do a new thing through our collaboration (see Isa. 43:19).”