**NB: Final Letter to be sent out after the 10th Week of Enhanced Giving. This letter is sent to those families that chose not to hand in a commitment card.**

[insert date]

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

*“I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus” (Philippians 1:3-6).* Your commitment and devotion to our Lord and his work is appreciated by your [church name] family. May your love for Jesus be a source of encouragement to your brothers and sisters at [church name]!

Our stewardship emphasis this last fall was titled ***10 for 10*.** I hope it was a time of growth for you. It certainly was for our [church name] family! Out of the [insert number] families in our congregation, [xx] returned ***10 for 10*** giving plans. What were the results? God’s Word on giving was preached and taught. Faith was fed and strengthened. Faith produced amazing fruits at [church name] the last ten weeks!

[What follows is sample text. Edit to reflect your congregation’s situation.] We praise God for the blessings he showered on [church name] during the ten weeks of ***10 for 10.*** Most importantly, there were the spiritual blessings he provided us as we meditated upon his Word and made plans for our personal stewardship of his resources. However, ***10 for 10*** also provided financial blessings to [church name]. [Summarize the results of the 10 for 10 emphasis here.] God’s blessings are great. Goodness has welled up into rich generosity. *God is to be praised and his people thanked!*

Those were the results with roughly [xx%] of our households participating ([xx] giving plans). Imagine how the Lord could bless us with just another 10 households participating? How about 100 more? You get the picture….

According to our Financial Secretary’s records, we did not receive a *Ten for Ten Giving Plan*from your household. We don’t write this to encourage guilt! We write this to offer some biblical perspective on the issue. It’s very true: the Bible doesn’t say, *“Thou shalt fill out a giving plan every October.”* The Bible does command us, however, to carefully, prayerfully, intentionally, deliberately, plan our giving. Where does it say that? 1 Corinthians 16 is a great place to start: *“On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made” (1 Corinthians 16:2).* Did you catch it? First day… Each one of you… Set aside… Sum… In keeping with income… Saving… You get the point. The Christian, guided by God’s Word, carefully plans his giving to God. Christian giving is not haphazard or accidental. Christian giving is planned and intentional. Personally, I was amazed to see how a renewed dedication to *planning* led directly to deeper *joy* in giving.

Several families have taken the opportunity to talk with me personally. They said that they chose not to hand in a giving plan, but were still fully engaged in the ***10 for 10*** emphasis. If this describes your situation, then a sincere thank you goes to you and your family. May the Lord continue to bless your personal giving plans in the year ahead!

Last year we passed a bare-bones budget to support our large, active ministry. I am pleased to report that after six months of “austerity,” we were able to move forward with raises for our church and school staff due to the generosity of our [church name] family. [church name] is YOUR ministry. May the Lord of the Church richly bless your support of his work!

As the year draws to a close, be sure to take some time to thank him for all of his goodness to you during the past 365 days. *“Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever” (Psalm 118:1).* May your giving to Jesus’ work reflect the thankfulness that the Holy Spirit has placed in your heart!

Sincerely,

Pastor [name]