



February 3, 2016

Mayor and Commissioners:

I am writing on behalf of our congregation, in order to offer a gift to the city to be applied to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. Our 2015 Christmas Eve offering was collected for this purpose, understanding that our calling as the body of Christ is to care for the vulnerable amongst us, remembering the vulnerability of the Christ child and the Holy Family at the first Christmas.

We would like to give the City \$1,024.00 to be used for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. We entrust the City Commissioners, as advised by the AHTF Advisory Board, to use these funds as they see fit to care for affordable housing needs in our community. Therefore, these funds are undesignated beyond the general purposes as recommended by the Board.

If you have any questions or clarifications concerning this gift, please contact me at First Baptist, or our church moderator John Pauls at 842-7107. And please let me know when the Commission will be available to receive the gift, and we will present it in person as required.

We want to thank the City for making affordable housing a priority. As Cardinal Roger Mahon has stated, "Any society, any nation, is judged on the basis of how it treats its weakest members – the last, the least, the littlest." It is our prayer that the City of Lawrence continues to take these words to heart in caring for the vulnerable amongst us.

Sincerely,

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