



Wantagh Memorial Congregational Church

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Dear Members and Friends of the Wantagh Memorial Congregational Church:

Rain water. It is a blessing in many ways. However, when rain is heavy and/or continuous, it seeps into buildings through leaks we sometimes cannot see, creating havoc on property both inside and outside. While the church has worked successfully on fixing leaks that have happened to all buildings, the south side of the Sunday School building that faces the seafood restaurant, has been problematic with water damage over the past several years. In the past six months, despite best efforts to repair sources of the leaks, there have been minor floods several times. Gutters and leaders have been replaced with gutter cleaning scheduled twice a year for all buildings with a new company, and the window boxes have been resealed. Monitoring where and when the water is coming in has been identified by a recent inspection by a concrete company. The findings are disturbing. The building foundation is beginning to crack causing separation from the building, and the concrete path has shifted so water is no longer flowing away from the building, but towards it. In order to fix this problem, two different companies were called in to evaluate and provide estimates. The first estimate that satisfied the purpose and budget is \$18,200. This includes removal and replacement of all concrete along the path on the side of the Parish Hall building, excavating to the bottom of the foundation, repairing it, along with replacement of the concrete, and installation of three larger windows for the classrooms. As you can imagine, this is a labor-intensive job which can only be done in warm weather. In order to accomplish the final goal, we need your help to raise an \$15,000. This building is used for many church functions, the nursery school, and outside community organizations, so this will benefit all.

We are asking members and friends to give a donation of \$100.00, or whatever you can, toward this important project.

Should you decide to contribute, please make **checks out to *WMCC Fundraising, and list Foundation in the Memo line at the bottom, or cash*** is always accepted.

Yours in Christian Fellowship,

The Board of Trustees