



Imagine More

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Ephesians 3:20-21



Our mission to share Christ from the heart of Durham is as important today as it was at our founding in 1885. Throughout our history, we have been called to imagine more – to extend hospitality and share gifts God has given us with our neighbors in Durham and with the world.

We share God's abundance in our Sanctuary, where we accomplish far more than all we can ask or imagine. On Sundays, under our distinctive red tile roof, Christ's light streams through the stained glass windows and invites us to say yes to the possibilities of hope, love and compassion. Our church responds with dynamic worship and flourishing ministries that welcome all persons as beloved children of God.

Christian stewardship continues throughout the week as the ministries on the ground floor of our Sanctuary building receive nearly 550 visits each week. Small groups worship in the Soul Café; English as a Second Language classes meet in the Spence-Kale Room; Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Alanon and Alateen groups gather in meeting rooms. For the last two years, the monthly Mobile Market has distributed fresh food to hundreds of Durham families, nourishing those who give as well as those who receive.



The vision for a Christ-centered, vibrant and vital congregation - initiated by our forebearers who built our Sanctuary and carried forth by subsequent generations - is as exciting today as it has ever been. We are blessed with the space and ability to share Christ's love with others, but our historic building needs improvements to fully support our mission. It is time to respond to a call of a different sort: that of refurbishing and repairing our Sanctuary building so it will continue to support our daily life serving God through acts of justice, service and compassion to our brothers and sisters.

We ask you to prayerfully consider helping raise \$2,750,000 for the Imagine More Campaign, which will improve our Sanctuary facilities and enable enhanced service to our community.



*“ We are a people created by a God whose power at work within us means **we are built for more**, each day and in every way.*

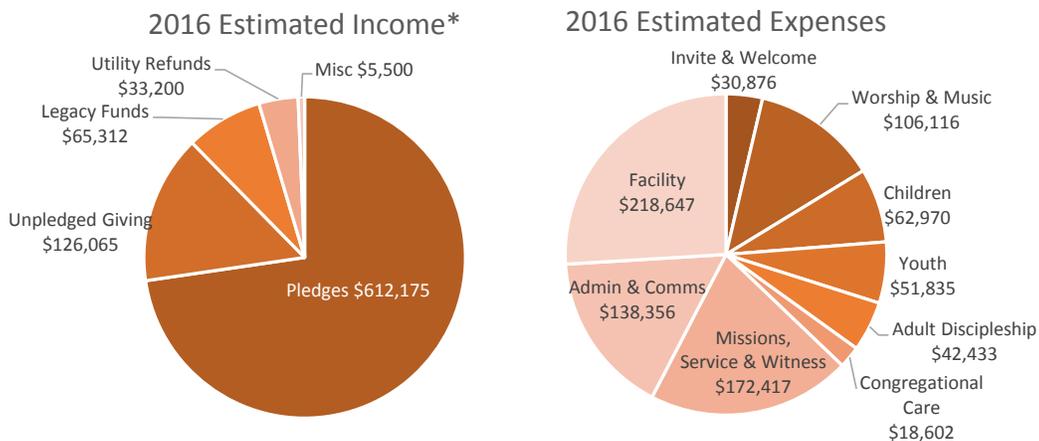
- Pastor Heather Rodrigues

Specifically, with your help we will:

- ✓ Renovate classrooms, bathrooms and facilities in the Sanctuary building to support our missions more effectively
- ✓ Repair the Sanctuary's red tile roof to ensure the structural integrity of our historic building
- ✓ Restore stained glass and other windows and entry doors throughout the Sanctuary building to protect against weathering and retain their beauty.

The Financial Need

As shown in the pie charts, our estimated 2016 annual budget of \$842,252 funds worship, missions and service. We are grateful that the most generous source of income is our congregation, through our annual stewardship campaign.



*The Memorial Church Fund provides money each year to pay for some facility-related expenses and improvements. These funds do not appear in our annual budget income or expenses.

Facilities are an important priority in the expense budget, and a schedule of ongoing maintenance and capital improvements is managed very capably by our Trustees. Major projects are funded by the Memorial Church Fund, an endowment created by the Duke family and some of their friends in the 1920's. It provides funds for major repairs and renovations to church properties. This fund is managed by its own Board of Directors and is intended to exist in perpetuity.

Necessary repairs are continually moved to the top of the Trustees' list, while some of the major "big ticket" maintenance items are continually deferred - with caution and prayer. The Memorial Church Fund is contributing \$500,000 to this Campaign and, in addition, is funding the repair of the Wesley Window as an expense separate from the Campaign.

The financial needs identified in this Campaign are beyond the capacity of the annual operating budget and Memorial Church Fund.

“The Memorial Church Fund is pleased to participate in this effort to accomplish abundantly the mission of our church. We hope this \$500,000 contribution, which is in compliance with our mission, will inspire everyone to participate as generously as they can.

- Bill Self, member since 1961

Sanctuary Improvements

The Church Council and Trustees have considered recommendations from the Capital Campaign Task Force, input from staff, and professional assessments about the urgency of repairs to develop the following list of priorities for this Campaign. In pursuing our mission of sharing Christ from the heart of Durham, we want to expand ministries to serve the needs of our growing community and to support us in telling stories of our faith in our historic worship space.



1. Remodel Sanctuary main floor and ground-level spaces.

Renovations will make these spaces more welcoming to current and new members and more adaptable for use in outreach. The renovations will also increase efficiency in energy use and reduce costs for the future. Adapting the lower-level spaces allows for more flexibility and reuse as we grow existing ministries and envision new ways to share Christ with others.

Specific improvements include renovated bathrooms (including family bathrooms), improvements to lighting and wiring, flooring upgrades, updates to the ground-floor kitchen, updates to the Sanctuary sound system, and boiler replacement. In addition, improvements to the exterior entrance area on Memorial Street will enhance the welcome we extend to all who come.

These renovations offer spiritual comfort to the hundreds of people who enter our Sanctuary each week and improve our ability to offer more ministries to our Congregation and to those in need of our outreach.

***Anticipated cost: main floor Sanctuary \$826,000;
ground-level renovations \$887,000***



“ Our beautiful, historic Sanctuary building is a treasure and needs these critical repairs so we can continue to share Christ from the heart of Durham, now and into the future.

- Karalyn Colopy, member since 2011

2. Repair the Sanctuary roof.

The red tile roof of the Sanctuary building was assessed by professionals three years ago, and their recommendation was to replace the corroded fasteners that secure the tiles, the deteriorated flashing underneath the tiles, and any tiles that need repair. Since the assessment, we have been monitoring for leaks and repairing as necessary, but this is a stop-gap response to the problem.



The real need is to refurbish the whole roof at once so all tiles are secured with new fasteners, and the structural integrity of our historic worship space is protected and preserved.

We are three years past the professional's recommendation to do a comprehensive repair; we must address the roof over our heads.

Anticipated cost: \$670,000

3. Refurbish historic windows and doors.

The historic windows throughout the building, many of which are beautiful stained glass, need maintenance to preserve durability and create energy efficiency for the future. Some are broken, others need paint and repair on surrounding wood and doors, and all need cleaning to restore their clarity and luster. This item includes refurbishing the entry doors as well as the windows.

Continuing to ignore much needed maintenance of these beautiful windows and doors risks their loss and wastes energy; we must be good stewards of our property.

Anticipated cost: \$200,000



We are finalizing facility improvements, and conceptual drawings will be available soon. Meanwhile, imagine:

- A worship service with brighter light and clear sound
- A more conveniently located nursery for our young children
- A water-tight roof over our heads
- Restroom facilities with room for families and for those who need assistance
- A ground-level kitchen that supports hot meals for new community gatherings
- More functional space for hosting overnight groups, including youth mission groups
- A new entrance way, prominent and well-lit, and welcoming to visitors and members alike
- Improvements to fixtures, doors and windows that show respect for our historic Sanctuary building
- Envisioning new ways to share Christ with others in more flexible spaces
- Freeing ourselves for expanded ministry and mission work because we can *imagine more!*



“ I am grateful for the opportunities the Mobile Market creates for being in service with Christians whom we might not otherwise know and for the relationships that are formed from this time of service together.

- Tony Nicholson, member since 2002

Summary and Estimate: *Imagine More*

| Need | Purpose | Estimate |
|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------|
| Enhance Sanctuary for worship | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance Sanctuary with new flooring, lighting and sound Update wiring, plumbing, sprinkler systems; paint and plaster Replace boiler Remodel meeting rooms and bathrooms | \$826,000 |
| Renovate ground level | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remodel meeting rooms, bathrooms and kitchen; remove all flooring then clean/stain/epoxy concrete floors Update and improve: wiring, mechanical, and plumbing systems; required sprinkler and fire separation; paint and plaster; lighting Improve outdoor entrance area | \$887,000 |
| Repair the Sanctuary roof | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recondition with new fasteners and flashing (cannot be done piecemeal); repair and replace tiles as needed | \$670,000 |
| Refurbish historic windows and doors | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weatherproof and maintain stained glass and other windows (such as in the bell towers, Lullaby Room, Choir Room, etc); refurbish surrounding wood and entry doors | \$200,000 |
| Architect and other expenses | | \$167,000 |
| Total | | \$2,750,000 |



Your Invitation

We believe God has more in store for our Sanctuary building, and for us - and we need your help in making more possible. The time to address these critical projects is overdue, and to fulfill our vision for mission and ministry, we must successfully complete this Campaign.

Help Us to *Imagine More*

Washington Duke's vision of a church for the masses resulted in a new spiritual home for many people.

Our Sanctuary was built by people who imagined more.

Today the vision for our Sanctuary remains the same: that it be a place of worship, nurture, and witness for more and more people each day.



In order to accomplish 'abundantly far more...', the time is now. It has been 25 years since our last major capital improvement campaign. We have deferred improvements to the Sanctuary to fund missions and other urgent needs over the past two decades.

Please consider how you can help imagine – and accomplish - far more than all we can ask, for all generations, with a gift to our Imagine More Campaign.

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“ The collective passion and energy of Duke Memorial is a real draw for new members like me. I am excited to contribute to our ministry’s future in our historic Sanctuary building.

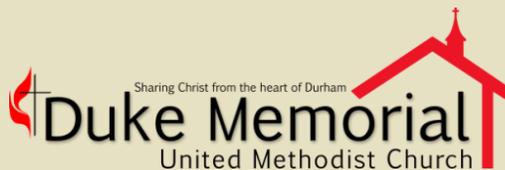
- Michael Davis, member since 2015



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