



Giving Our Hearts To God

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH | Capital Campaign



I have given you a land on which you had not labored, and towns that you had not built, vineyards and olive groves that you have not planted - and when you have eaten your fill, take care that you do not forget the Lord.

Deuteronomy 6, Joshua 24

Our Context for Ministry

Westminster Presbyterian Church, with our parking lot filled with cars on Sunday mornings, serves as a visible sign that our congregation is a vital, thriving community of faith in downtown Dayton. We are committed to our location. We, the congregation, have been entrusted with the responsibility of maintaining and strengthening our physical house while we work to strengthen our spiritual house. With our Westminster Mission and Values in mind, we present the following case statement for prayerful consideration.

A Brief History

Westminster Presbyterian Church enjoys a rich history that began with the establishment of the first church in Dayton, Ohio, in 1799, in a log cabin. Westminster was established in 1919. The acclaimed architect Ralph Adams Cram was hired to design our current building. Constructed of the finest materials available in 1925, Westminster Presbyterian Church is the handsome structure in which we worship. Our church building is a cathedral of soaring arches, strong columns, and gleaming organ pipes....and of outdated plumbing and leaking roofs.

Goal

To honor our past and prepare for our future, we want to be good stewards of the building we have been given. From here we do God's work in our community and beyond. As a thriving downtown church, we have done much to honor the legacy of those who came before us. We draw members from many neighborhoods and communities. We flourish because our members routinely drive past other churches to seek this place of beautiful music, stimulating study, and meaningful service. In all things we gain strength from God and from this building that represents our heritage.

While we implement many current and new programs under new leadership, our eyes are on the future. As a stable presence in our downtown location, we have a renewed vision of the things that must be done. We need a strong dedicated building to anchor these ventures. We have work to do! We have taken great pride over the decades in keeping our building functioning well and looking its best. Unfortunately, our beloved building is showing signs

of age. Some deterioration is obvious; other issues hide beneath the roofline and within the structure.

We know from insurance estimates that we worship and work in a building that would cost more than \$30 million to construct today. We all agree that we must prudently invest to protect what we have inherited, doing the work necessary to ensure the safety, accessibility, and maintenance of this handsome gift. We believe that our projected investment is a critical part of our spiritual faith and that we as a church will continue to be abundantly blessed through our action.

How Will Our Capital Campaign Funds be Spent?

80% for Building Renovation Projects:

Our Building and Grounds Committee has worked hard to identify the most critical facility needs. There are six structural projects that are considered a priority in maintaining the integrity of our building. Please see the insert in this brochure for project descriptions.

10% for Reinvigorating our Building and Grounds Invested Funds:

In recent years, as the deferred capital needs of the building have exceeded the funds available from the annual budget, we have had to draw from our invested funds to pay for essential building repairs. When we draw down funds, it places a heavier demand on the congregation to raise money to replenish the investment. It is prudent stewardship to restore and conserve the invested funds so that they will provide revenue in the years to come.

10% for Establishing a Mission Readiness Fund:

The Mission Readiness Fund will provide seed money to fund new initiatives that fit into the expanded vision for Westminster's future mission work. As the Session and the congregation discern how God is calling us to respond to the many needs that surround us, this fund prepares us to launch programs that will be of real help to others.

Westminster Presbyterian Church looks to a bright future built on a strong past. We are truly a place “where loving God and neighbor is transforming lives.” It is our responsibility to ensure our building and property can provide the setting to fully realize our mission. We are excited about the generosity of our congregation and the commitment to our shared vision. Your support will play a critical role in our success. We are counting on you, now and in the future!!



PROJECTS LIST

RESTORATION OF THE TE DEUM WINDOW AND SURROUNDING STRUCTURE:

In an effort to address recent signs of serious deterioration, the Te Deum window has been removed and is being stored, awaiting refurbishment. The entire Te Deum Window project encompasses the window restoration, reinforcement of the wall holding the window, the design and installation of a new frame to hold the window, and a lighting upgrade to better illuminate the window.



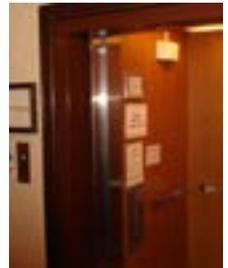
COMPLETE THE ROOF REPAIRS

Incrementally since 2001, the Building and Grounds Committee has systematically carried out a series of roof repair projects. These projects have included replacing broken slate, deteriorated copper gutters, downspouts, valleys, and flashing. There are several remaining roof repairs, however, that are critical to making our building water tight. These include replacing the leaking lower flat roof sections over the offices and classrooms, and the upper flat roof sections over the side aisles of the Sanctuary.



UPGRADE THE ELEVATOR

The current elevator is original to the building. Although it is still in working condition, the elevator is slow and presents challenges to those who rely on it to navigate the building. The upgrade will include improving the appearance and operation of the elevator. This will require the replacement of the electric controls and hydraulic motor, and – per state code – extensive changes to the basement area where they are housed.



REPLACE OUTDATED PIPES AND INSTALL NEW ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

Routine maintenance of the church's plumbing indicates that all the galvanized pipes need to be replaced to avoid costly future repairs. The electrical service to the church offices and the stage is insufficient and must be updated. Also, a fire detection system needs to be installed in the Sanctuary.

REPLACE ONE OF THE CHURCH BUSES

The older of our two buses, a 1997 model with high mileage, is extremely costly to operate and repair. We plan to purchase a bus with handicapped accessibility. The new bus will be used to continue support for Sunday morning transportation, mission trips, “Just Friends” outings, church camp, youth fellowship events, and the E.J. Brown ministry, as well as other church events.



RESTORE THE SANCTUARY WALLS AND COLUMNS

After many years of roof leaks, sections of the plaster throughout the Sanctuary have dissolved, leaving unsightly blemishes and dropped patches of fine white powder. The plaster needs to be repaired and repainted. This is an extensive project that can only be done with the aid of scaffolding.



10% TO REINVIGORATE OUR BUILDING AND GROUNDS INVESTED FUNDS

A percentage of the campaign funds will be invested in the Building and Grounds portfolio.

10% TO ESTABLISH A MISSION READINESS FUND

A percentage of the campaign funds will be invested in a Mission Readiness Fund.