

Cleveland Park Congregational UCC
2nd Century Campaign: *Renewing Our Foundations*

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What is a capital campaign?

A capital campaign is a fundraising program for a church designed to raise a stated amount of money to underwrite a significant capital project not paid for by the annual operating budget. We're calling our church's campaign, the **Second Century Campaign: *Renewing Our Foundations***.

Why do we need a capital campaign?

Our church is raising money to: replace important infrastructure, such as the century-old sewage pipes and antique heating/air system in the basement; improve our physical accessibility and welcome by adding accessible restrooms along with an entrance ramp and modern lift; improve our building's energy efficiency; and embark on a social action project that more expansively lives out our mission of nurturing love of God and neighbor in the world.

Will there be additional improvements?

We hope so! Ideas include increasing our meeting/classroom space by converting the old basement kitchen; updating our current kitchen; and adding an accessible deck outside the parlor to accommodate outdoor worship and fellowship events.

How much money do we need to raise?

Our goal is \$1,000,000 with 100% participation. The significant infrastructure repair and restoration that must be done so our historic building can support and inspire our congregation another century is costly, as is the work to create a physically accessible and environmentally responsible church. Our history of congregational giving shows we have the capacity to reach this goal if everyone stretches and participates. We stand on the shoulders of people who have sacrificed and dreamed to create the church we have today!

When will the project components be finalized and begun?

This Fall 2019 we will receive cost estimates and updated architectural proposals to share with the congregation. At our annual meeting on January 26, 2020, we will vote on these proposals, with construction beginning Summer 2020 or 2021, depending on the permitting schedule. A vote to fund one time-sensitive component, the basement heating/air system, will be taken on September 8, 2019, with the work done in December 2019. Our social action focus will be discerned via a separate process with congregational input and vote. If interested, please email Lisa Jenkins at ljenkinsdc@gmail.com.

How will this affect the childcare center and other tenants?

We are in conversation with Kinderhaus, our downstairs tenant, concerning all relevant construction projects and timelines. They are supportive and will move out for Summer 2020 or 2021 (with their rent prorated accordingly). This cost will be included in the capital campaign budget. We will ask other tenants to be flexible during construction, and any lost income will be included in the capital campaign budget.

Will the church go into debt?

No. We have investment funds from which we can pay for work begun on the more urgent project components. As capital campaign pledges are paid and monies received, the Trustees will pay back the investment funds and utilize capital campaign monies for all other capital project components.

How do I decide how much to give?

We hope you will prayerfully consider a capital campaign gift that matches your annual stewardship giving over five years (2019-23). For instance, if you typically pledge \$5,000 a year to the church's annual operating budget, you would, in addition, pledge \$5,000 a year to the capital campaign (for a total capital campaign pledge of \$25,000).

When do we give the money we've pledged?

People may give the money they have pledged during any or all of the five calendar years, 2019-23. In June 2019 you were mailed a capital campaign packet with a pledge form. We ask that all pledge forms be completed by November 30, 2019 and all pledges be honored by November 30, 2023. For a pledge form, please email: info@cpchurch.org.

How do I fulfill my pledge?

You may make your contribution in whatever manner works best for you. Some people will fulfill their entire pledge at once. Others will make weekly, monthly, or yearly payments. Our church is able to receive your gift via check, cash, electronic payment, transfer of securities, and more. To give online, go to the [Donate](#) section of our website (www.cpcchurch.org).

What if I don't have much money to donate?

Your participation, at any level, is of great importance to our church. Please pledge whatever you are able to support this important work. If your circumstances improve in the future, you might consider increasing your pledge. We understand people come from many different financial situations.

Can I ask my family members and friends to donate to our Second Century Campaign?

Yes, please! You can ask them to fill out the [pledge form](#) on our website (www.cpcchurch.org) or make a [one-time donation](#). If you would like a Trustee to reach out to a possible donor, please contact Don Blanchon, Trustees Chair, at donandsarah@comcast.net.

Does my Second Century Campaign Pledge replace my pledge to the annual church budget?

No. Capital campaign pledges are in addition to annual stewardship pledges, which are necessary to support the day-to-day ministry and operations of our church.

When will the Stewardship Campaign for our annual budget take place?

You receive a stewardship packet each fall, asking for your annual pledge. The 2020 Stewardship Campaign will take place November 3-24, 2019. You should receive this year's stewardship packet the last week of October.

How can I get more information about the Second Century Campaign?

Go to our website (www.cpcchurch.org) and click on [The Second Century Campaign](#) under "Donate" at the top of the home page. The Trustees will provide monthly email and worship announcement updates, and there will be two congregational conversations after worship: November 3 (focused on the social action discernment process) and November 17 (focused on building proposals). For more information, please email Don Blanchon, Trustees Chair, at donandsarah@comcast.net.

Who sits on the Board of Trustees?

Don Blanchon (Chair), Vanessa Andrews, vbandrews@yahoo.com, John Buchanan, jbuchanan@cov.com, Mary Jane Glass, casaglass123@yahoo.com, and Heidi Strom Moon, heidi@heidistrom.com.

When will the campaign results be known?

Our goal is to receive all Second Century Campaign Pledges by November 30, 2019. The Trustees will determine when to announce the results, but it will be in advance of our January 26, 2020 Annual Meeting.