



Cultivate Capital Campaign | FAQ

What is the Cultivate Capital Campaign?

This campaign is an opportunity to:

- restore and revitalize our church campus and expand the columbarium
- invest in our local and global outreach partners
- expand access to affordable housing
- renew imagination of the next chapter of our church

How were the vision and priorities of the campaign decided?

The development of this capital campaign has been a comprehensive effort over the last several years by church leaders who met with various groups and committees within the church to discern, explore, and prepare for the future of MPPC.

Allen Woodward led the Discernment Initiatives Task Force in 2019 that met with each ministry area and discerned the needs for the capital campaign. His team presented to the Session in January of 2020.

The capital campaign was put on hold due to the pandemic and Tom Okel led a small group over the summer of 2020 to reevaluate the scope of the capital campaign and presented to the Session in August of that year. At that meeting, the Session unanimously voted to move forward with a capital campaign.

What are the desired outcomes of the Cultivate Capital Campaign?

At the completion of this campaign, we hope to have positioned our community to continue to provide a spiritual home where all members can sow faith, root hope, and reap love. Outcomes will also include:

- modernized education spaces for our youngest disciples
- increased capacity for the full day Weekday School program
- expanded access to affordable housing
- deepened global and local relationships with the wider body of Christ
- expanded columbarium
- enriched outreach and mission partnerships

How will mission and outreach be incorporated in this campaign?

From the very beginning, our church has been mission-focused. The rapidly changing needs in Grier Heights, Charlotte, and the world have given us a renewed vision of what God is leading us to do to address the food and housing insecurities and education gaps. This capital campaign will expand our ability to serve our neighbors with love and compassion as Jesus calls us to do with 30% of the total going to outreach.

When will construction and renovation of church spaces begin?

The most critical and urgent needs were to replace the HVAC/Chiller and, because of early lead gifts, that work was completed in the summer of 2021. The structural repairs to Cornerstone were also completed in early 2021 to ensure the house was safe for the summer Cross inters. We also plan to expand the Columbarium later this year.

In addition to the building repairs, outreach priorities include funding for:

- critical CrossRoads and Billingsville programs
- support for land acquisition and Roof Above and Habitat for Humanity

The renovations to the C and D buildings for the children's spaces will begin in 2023.

Is my donation to the capital campaign the same as my annual stewardship donation?

No. Donations to the capital campaign are in addition to annual stewardship donations. We hope that church members will be able to support the campaign and maintain their annual giving to the church.

If members are not in a position to manage gifts to both efforts, we encourage them to maintain their annual stewardship giving and pray for the success of the capital campaign.

Why does the church need a capital campaign if we have a successful annual stewardship effort?

We are blessed that our members' generosity supports the ongoing operation and mission related needs of the church, but from time to time, there are financial gaps with what must be done to maintain our buildings. These are projects that fall outside the operating budget and require significant funding.

This campaign will raise funds to address longstanding renovation needs so that more of our annual stewardship dollars can be directed to our ministries. Ensuring that our foundation is strong enables for the success of our growing membership and ministries.

What different types of gifts can I make to the campaign?

- Cash or stock gifts
- IRA Direct Rollovers (Required minimum distributions for those who are 70 ½ and older)

How many years do I have to pay my capital campaign pledge?

Capital campaign gifts should be paid within three to five years.