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BEFORE OTHERS** – Matthew 5:14-16

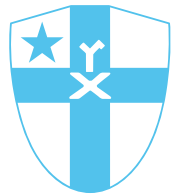
CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

2025 EVERY MEMBER CANVASS





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For 185 years, Christ Church Cathedral community has served as a beacon of steadfast discipleship, shining the light of God's unwavering love to those who live on the margins of society.

Today, because of our parishioners' commitment to our faith, our neighbors, and the Every Member Canvass, we are poised to continue the legacy of Christ Church in our city through Outreach, Pastoral Care, Worship & Music, and Community & Hospitality.

# LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE BEFORE OTHERS

This is what we are all about at Christ Church Cathedral. We are disciples of Jesus, and the torch we carry to share the Gospel can be seen by many.

We must keep that light burning, leading the charge and experiencing re-formation to best serve this community, our city, and the world. God's Gospel work requires much of us and only with the financial support of every parishioner can we continue this transformational work.



*You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.*

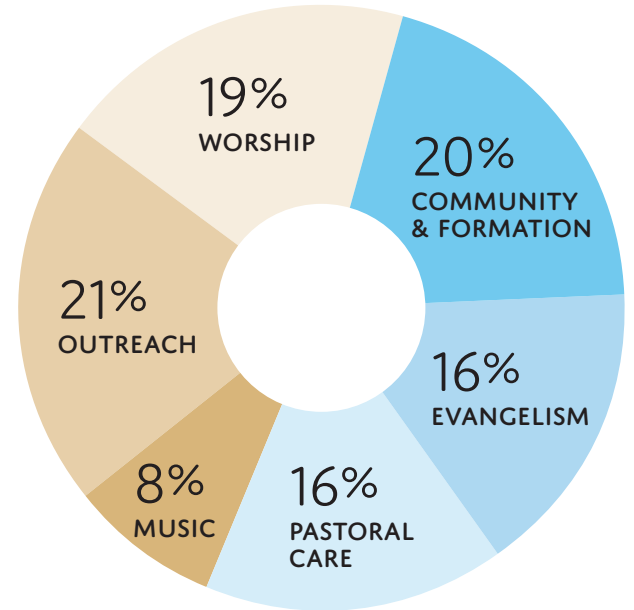
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# NAVIGATING THE NUMBERS

Christ Church Cathedral has an operating budget of over \$5.8 million. Sixty-five percent of the annual budget must come from our Every Member Canvass and parishioner contributions. The Cathedral's Endowment Fund contributes twenty-one percent and twelve percent comes from other revenue sources such as Treebeards restaurant, Cathedral House Episcopal School, and the parking garage.

Last year, 470 parishioners pledged to the Cathedral for a total of \$3.3 million. The Vestry anticipates that we need \$3.5 million in pledges to fulfill the 2025 budget goals. The Vestry bases the budget solely on the amount pledged; less income requires decreasing the needed budget levels.

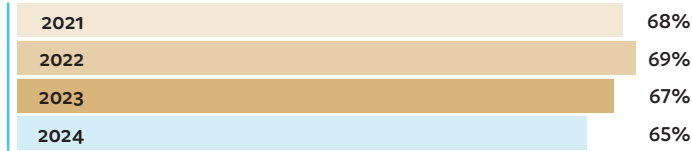
## WHERE OUR MONEY IS SPENT



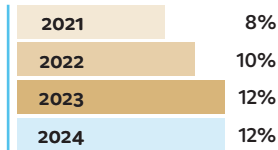
COMMUNITY & FORMATION	20%	MUSIC	8%
EVANGELISM	16%	OUTREACH	21%
PASTORAL CARE	16%	WORSHIP	19%

## WHERE OUR FUNDING COMES FROM

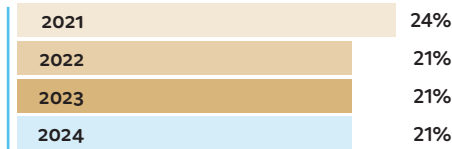
### Parishioner Contributions



### Alternate Revenue Streams



### CCC Endowment Fund



## RANGE OF PLEDGES RECEIVED FOR 2024

25,000 and above	27
15,000 to 24,999	29
10,000 to 14,999	49
5,000 to 9,999	84
2,000 to 4,999	121
1,000 to 1,999	88
\$999 and less	72
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>470</b>

Out of an estimated 700 families in the congregation, 230 did not pledge in 2024.

For more information and to see some FAQs visit [www.christchurchcathedral.org/emc](http://www.christchurchcathedral.org/emc)



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# SO THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD DEEDS

Christ Church Cathedral is a diverse and passionate Christian community devoted to meaningful worship and ministry.

It is a parish that has embraced its historic, downtown Houston setting, and makes a difference in countless lives. The Cathedral is not simply a place of worship, but a space for hospitality and renewal — a center of learning and formation where all are welcome.

## OUTREACH

**THE VARIETY OF WAYS IN WHICH CHRIST CHURCH SERVES BEYOND THE CAMPUS WALLS IS AS DIVERSE AS THE PEOPLE WHO SIT IN THE PEWS.**

The Beacon leads the way in restoring hope to our homeless brothers and sisters, providing both essential and next step services to hundreds of clients, five days a week. By strengthening its relationship with organizations that support



the underserved and vulnerable in the city of Houston, the Mission & Outreach Council continues to explore ways to serve. Through blood drives, yard sales, meal deliveries, Christmas at the Cathedral, and the Alternative Giving Market, there are endless opportunities to participate in this life-giving work and with the opening of Casa Mateo, serving displaced immigrants and asylum seekers, the Cathedral has reaffirmed its commitment to those who live on the margins.

## PASTORAL CARE

**ONE OF THE MANY EXPRESSIONS OF GOD'S GRACE IS THE ASSURANCE THAT WE ARE NOT ALONE, AS GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US.**

The Cathedral's Pastoral Care Ministries strive to be the manifestation of that assurance. In times of celebration and in sorrow, pastoral care is shared through prayer shawls, baby baskets, the Mourner's Path (a multi-week program for those experiencing grief), the Longest Night Advent Service, and much more. The Pastoral Care team has worked to meet the needs of our community by creating support groups for those who find themselves in caregiving roles and those caring for a family member with Alzheimer's or dementia. With great care and intention, this ministry of Christ Church Cathedral works ardently to ensure that no parishioner feels without hope in a time of need.



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## WORSHIP & MUSIC

**WORSHIP AND MUSIC ARE EXPRESSIONS OF AWE AND GRATITUDE FOR THE PRECIOUS GIFT OF GOD'S LOVE FOR US.**

Parishioners worship, sing, serve, and celebrate the Eucharist five times each Sunday. Sunday mornings reflect the breadth and depth of the Episcopal tradition, offering three different ways to connect to God and the liturgy at 8, 9, and 11 a.m. Our Spanish speaking community is growing and attendance numbers at the 1 p.m. service are

on the rise. The Well on Sunday evenings at 5 p.m. offers a contemplative, peaceful, and nourishing way for many to prepare for the start of another week. Worshipers can also be found in the Golding Chapel during the week, with the creation of a new Noonday Prayer model. The Cathedral also serves as a cultural arts hub by presenting its own series of recitals, concerts, and performances, and supplying glorious music courtesy of the Treble, Parish and Cathedral choirs. The Cloister Art Gallery, displayed in Reynolds Hall, also hosts a new art exhibit each month representing a wide variety of artists and techniques, creating a rich and sophisticated addition to our campus.





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## COMMUNITY/ HOSPITALITY

**THE CATHEDRAL'S COMMUNITY LIFE IS INCREASINGLY FOCUSED ON WAYS THAT PARISHIONERS CAN ENGAGE WITH ONE ANOTHER AND DEEPEN THEIR FAITH.**

In addition to programs such as the Neighborhood Gatherings and Foyers Fellowship Groups, the Community Life Council's annual events create ways for members to break bread and make friends. On Sundays, dedicated

Welcome Team members greet and guide those who are new to the Cathedral, while the Welcome & Newcomer Council finds ways to connect more deeply with those visiting our campus at non-worship times. The Latino congregation continues to build bridges between English and Spanish speakers inviting all to the celebration of Mes de la Herencia and Las Posadas hosted each year. As more people are choosing the Cathedral as their spiritual home, community and hospitality efforts have never been more important.



## MEET THIS YEAR'S EMC CO-CHAIRS

Paul & Nora Barrera Rycroft

Since their arrival in Houston from South Texas, via Austin, seven years ago, Nora and Paul have made Christ Church Cathedral their spiritual home. Fully engaged and participating in many of the ministries supported by the EMC, they have witnessed the needs of our siblings in Christ and believe in the positive presence and impact the campaign has on the lives of those in greatest need. Answering the call to lead, offered by Dean Katz, our co-chairs invite all Cathedral family members to participate in the EMC, 'Whether you are new to the congregation or have been here for generations; everyone counts and everyone makes a difference.'



# A LETTER FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

It is with our love and commitment that we ask for your financial support. Everything we do at Christ Church Cathedral is made possible by your generosity. We look forward to the new opportunities that God will set before us and we invite you to join us on the journey as we let our light shine before others and help build up the kingdom of God.



## The 2024 Stewardship Council

Chad Cross, *Chair*

Charlie Gillman

Susan Hoffius

Adam Jackson

Bruce McDonald

Bill McKenzie

Cabrina Owsley

Mimi Prioleau, *Vestry*

Wick Rowland, *Vestry*

Gary Smith



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