

**VISION**



**EXPAND • EQUIP • HOUSE • SERVE**



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# VISION 2020

## GIVING CAMPAIGN

Commitment Sunday is October 6, 2019



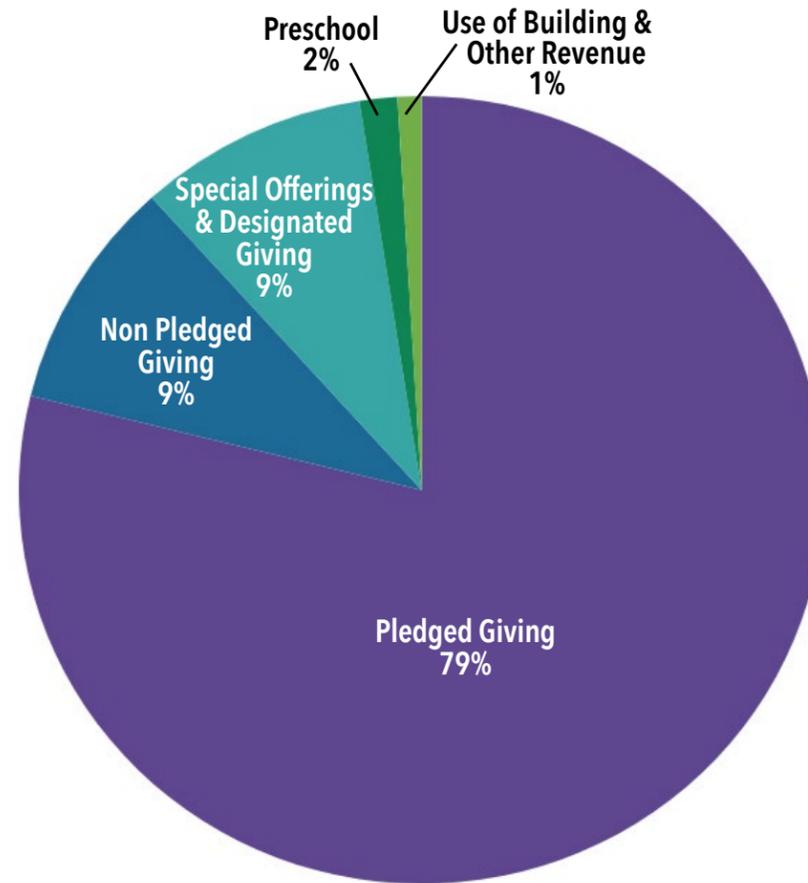
The **VISION 2020 Giving Campaign** invites us all to respond to the blessings of God in our lives with an expression of gratitude through our pledge. This is first and foremost an act of worship and thanksgiving. It is also a tangible expression of our commitment to share the Good News of Jesus Christ through the life and ministry of this vibrant and blessed congregation.

To the right you can see that 97% of Westminster's financial support comes from pledges and additional giving of members and friends. You can also see the way funds are directed. Using the **primary words** from our Vision Teams – **Expand, Equip, House & Home** and **Serve** – you can read below some examples of Westminster's application of those resources for ministry.

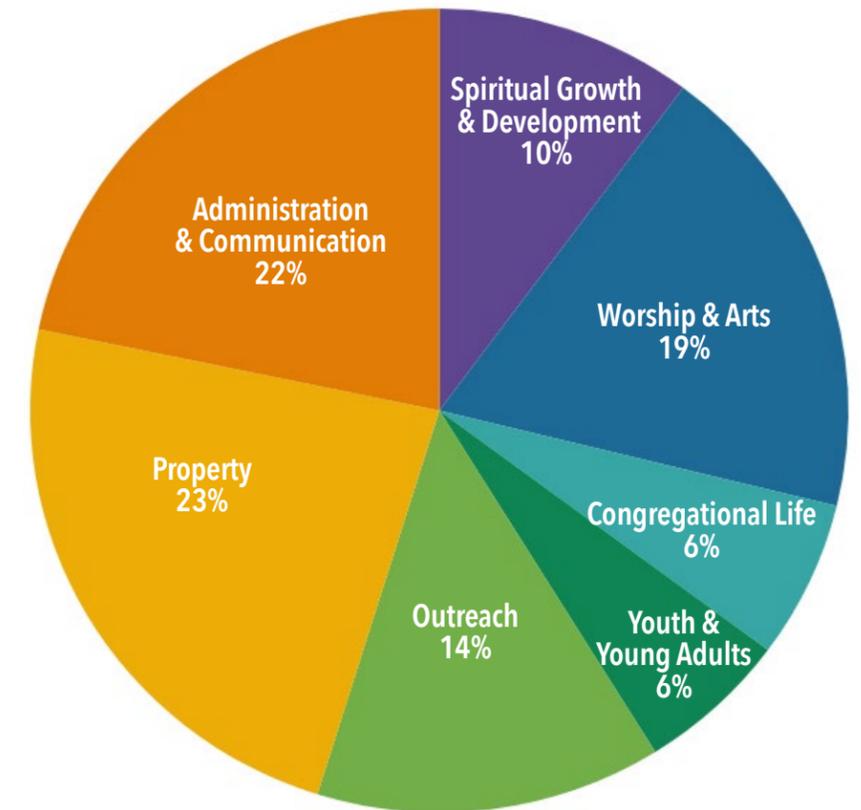
**An increase in your pledge** will enable us to continue to expand our witness, address the growing and changing needs of ministry in this community, and support Westminster's outreach both near and far. In 2018 our average pledge was \$2,562. In 2019, it is \$2,673, an increase of 4.3%. A similar increase for 2020 would be GREAT!

This congregation continues to be extraordinarily generous. Our recent "Capital Challenge" campaign has enabled us to be **debt-free for the first time in 27 years**. Let us join our financial resources together to move forward in 2020!

### Where does \$2,548,619 come from?



### How do we spend \$2,548,619?



#### EXPAND

Expanding our witness focuses on how we "Make Christ Known." Inspiring worship; uplifting music of all kinds; renowned artists/speakers available to the public; offering our building as meeting space for community groups – all of these expand our witness. We stream worship into three retirement communities, and average **more than 300 total online viewers EVERY Sunday!** Our nametag kiosks help us know one another better; we're planning evening worship that might address



the challenges of Sunday morning schedules, and we're exploring partnerships with racially diverse congregations in the borough of West Chester.

#### EQUIP

Equipping every generation to grow in faith is an expression of "Knowing Christ." High quality teaching in Journey classes; thoughtful preaching series; intergenerational gatherings; Sunday classes for all ages; small groups; book groups; mom's groups; men's and women's retreats – are all ways we are maturing as disciples of Jesus Christ. A focus on the "emerging generation" of Young Adults brought a renowned national musician, Audrey Assad, to our campus and our building was filled – mostly by young adults from the wider community.



#### HOUSE & HOME

Our Vision focuses on Affordable Housing/ Homelessness, but more broadly, we also work to make our "house of God" a home. Along with efforts to address housing needs (Habitat; Good Works; Safe Harbor; Family Promise), we also work to make this congregation a nurturing place for all, especially those in any kind of need. Our Deacons, through ministries of fellowship and compassion, further the work of God's mercy. Our Café 10 West, peach and strawberry festivals bring us together for conversation. Home visits with flowers, communion or casseroles support friends in difficult times. Celebrate Recovery, Stephen Ministers, and support groups for grief, divorce and health issues all seek to provide spiritual and emotional shelter and well-being.



#### SERVE

Serving our neighbor is the public way we show our love of God. We distribute at least 10% of our operating budget every year to ministries near and far. Financial Support is coupled with hands-on involvement in ministries like the Thrift Shop; a children's home in Mexico; a clinic and clean water in Honduras; meals, mail and beds on Broad Street in Philadelphia, and serving students in Coatesville. We support mission co-workers in the Philippines and Honduras; and have added **disaster relief** as another way to serve our neighbor. In the coming year we will be addressing the devastation of addiction and mental illness in our community.

#### SUPPORT

While not one of the primary words from our Vision Implementation, it is self-evident how critical a sound infrastructure is for ministry. We have a well-managed, clean, and comfortable facility, and we continue to address ways to make our building safe. We have secure and transparent business practices; use a broad range of communication tools; and have a dedicated support staff. We also contribute to these same administrative needs in our denomination, the Presbyterian Church USA.

