

Wide-Open Doors to a Great Work: Welcoming the Congregation & Community

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Dear Friends of Decatur Presbyterian Church,

As you may have heard, Decatur Presbyterian Church is in the midst of an exciting, hopeful capital campaign for the ongoing mission of this congregation that has served the greater Decatur community, and even the world, for 192 years. Guided by God's grace and several years of preparation, we have embarked upon a significant renovation effort that will enhance the ministries of DPC for generations yet to come, and we wanted to share the excitement with you.

Considering every ministry, seeking to be faithful stewards of old buildings, and enhancing connections with our community, we have received overwhelmingly positive response to the plans and generous support. To date, we have received \$2,625,274 in commitments toward the total campaign of \$4,000,000. We are currently in the midst of the "Congregation-wide Phase", with new Commitment Cards arriving each week.

Some of our best surprises have come from members and friends of DPC, who live far beyond Decatur. One of our earliest gifts was from Rick Whittington, son of Brown and Penny Whittington. Rick sent a very generous leadership gift in honor of his parents, due to his grateful appreciation of them and their love for the church. Another son of the church sent a generous, unsolicited gift in honor of his mother, who died last year. A surprisingly generous gift was received from the parents of a staff member. Still another gift was received by someone who has no current connections, but grew up in the church and remains ever grateful for the church's ministry to them in their younger years.

We are grateful that so many persons beyond our membership hold dear the ministry of DPC, and so we wanted to honor that appreciation by offering the opportunity to participate in this important campaign. Every gift will make a difference to this effort, regardless of the amount.

Enclosed is an informational packet to describe more of the details about the campaign. Also enclosed is a Commitment Card. We make no presumptions regarding your desire to participate, but, since so many friends of the church have expressed their desire to do so, we have sent this encouragement to you and others who have a strong connection to the church. Thank you in advance for any gift you may wish to offer.

I invite you to contact Elizabeth Orth (eorth@dpchurch.org, 404-234-6970), our hard-working volunteer Campaign Coordinator, or me with any questions you may have regarding this effort. Thank you for your prayers for DPC and for your part in enabling this GREAT WORK of the church.

Grace and peace to you,



Rev. Dr. Todd Speed
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