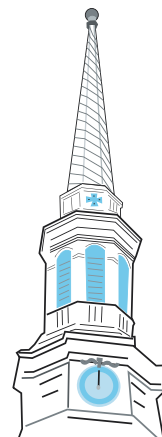


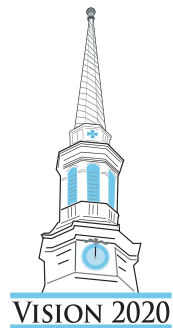
# THE NEW YORK AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## CAPITAL & STEWARDSHIP APPEAL



VISION 2020





Dear Friends,

I've often paraphrased Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, claiming that the people of The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church are God's "Salt and Light on this corner of Washington D.C. and our world." I believe that there is a special calling for us to be light and salt on the particular "corner" of the city we inhabit, and our building—more than any church facility I know—is an essential part of our mission. In it we provide space for worship and life-giving ministries: Sunday School for all ages, insightful Scholar in Residence programs, the Radcliffe Room homeless ministry, spiritual formation, the Community Club tutoring program, countless committee meetings, work for civil rights and peace, hope and assistance for the mentally ill, critical discussions on race and poverty—to mention but a few. Such ministries of salt and light on "this corner" are our witness to the city and world.

The cross and resurrection are the central symbols of our faith. The cross, I suggest, exposes abuses of power large and small in our lives; and God's resurrecting power of love, forgiveness and justice enables us to participate in God's transforming mission in the world. For this transformative witness to shine forth effectively on "this corner" of Washington DC and our world, it requires material as well as spiritual sustenance.

In short, the maintenance of our church building is critical to the maintenance and expansion of our witness and ministry, and this brochure sets forth our vision for the path forward. Your ongoing stewardship funds the operations within our building, and thus we are combining our annual Stewardship Appeal with a Capital Appeal to address the needs and exciting opportunities ahead. I urge your financial and spiritual support of both so that we can continue to bring salt and light to our city and world.

Rev. Roger Gench



## Our History

It is hard to imagine The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church being anywhere else but here on this particular corner of Washington, DC. Like a beacon on a hilltop, the building sends forth its light at this crossroads of the powerful and the powerless.

In 1859, the F Street Church and the Second Presbyterian Church united to form The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, and a new church building was erected at the present site. Many presidents and national leaders worshipped here, including President Lincoln, whose Second Inaugural Address was greatly influenced by the preaching and counsel of NYAPC's pastor. In the 1940's, a move to another location was considered. Following much discernment, and undoubtedly a lot of prayer, a decision was made. The congregation pledged to live out its ministry downtown in the heart of the nation's capital. In 1951, the present building was dedicated, and over the ensuing years the congregation has faithfully used it to animate its every mission. The promise to serve God and serve this city has been kept through ministries such as tutoring programs, caring for friends who live on the streets, providing a range of services for people affected by mental illness, always seeking to follow the prophet Micah's call to

*“do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.”*

This building is a living tribute to the faith and the vision of all the saints who have gone before us—a place of respite, restoration, learning, even redemption. Now 65 years in age, it is in need of major repairs if it is to remain a central and effective instrument of our mission.

## Thinking Big

For the past three years, members and leaders of NYAPC have been exploring the best ways to upgrade and renovate the church building so that it can meet the needs of existing ministries as well as our vision for the future. During this process, members urged the Trustees to begin making immediate necessary repairs, but also to move beyond maintenance by *thinking big* about the future. In response, we are addressing the most urgent, critical needs, while developing a more comprehensive plan, which could cost \$6.3 - \$8.5 million.

*“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”* John 1:5



## Completed Renovation Projects

Two project renovation phases are now nearly complete. To pay for these immediate needs, it was necessary to take out low-interest, short-term loans (secured with our Endowment Fund). Repaying those loans is the first priority of the Capital Fund Appeal.

### *Exterior Renovation - \$1.1 million*

These improvements were largely completed in the Fall of 2014 and helped to send the message to all passing by that we are open to serve as a beacon of light on this corner of Washington, D.C.

### *Heating and Air-Conditioning Improvements - \$900,000*

The most critical HVAC needs of the church have recently been completed in a second project phase. These included new heating and air conditioning on the fifth floor and replacing a non-functioning boiler in the basement with a new high efficiency boiler. The new boiler will enable us to keep our church open in the winter should we experience catastrophic failure of our highly inefficient 65 year-old primary boiler (slated to be replaced in our next major HVAC upgrade phase). All public spaces on the fifth floor were painted, and new lighter wall finishes were installed, upgrading the space for church functions and meetings, conference rentals, wedding receptions and more.

*“Give to others, and God will give to you. Indeed, you will receive a full measure, a generous helping, poured into your hands—all that you can hold. The measure you use for others is the one that God will use for you.”* Luke 6:38



## Proposed Renovation Projects

A list of possible renovation projects—identified by the architects and Trustees, with input from the congregation and the church boards—are outlined below and illustrated in a few architectural drawings. Cost estimates associated with each project are ranges subject to more detailed planning and design and depend on the final defined scope of work. Once the Capital Fund Appeal is completed, the congregation will be engaged again in a more extensive planning process to prioritize the projects based on ministry needs and available financial options.

### ***Bathroom Refurbishing - \$350,000 - \$480,000***

Everyone who uses the building expects clean, modern restrooms. Depending on the defined scope of work, these improvements could include:

- Updated bathrooms throughout the building: new plumbing, new counter tops, and renewed, highly durable finishes.
- Expanded bathrooms in highest traffic areas.

### ***Second and Third Floor Changes - \$400,000 - \$500,000***

With more welcoming and informal meeting space, ministry, fellowship and outreach will expand.

- Create open, furnished gathering spaces where the pastors' offices are currently located.
- Relocate the Pastors' offices and the Minister of Music's office to an office suite on the third floor.
- Reconfigure and expand the space for the Diaconal Ministers' worship-related use.

### ***Wi-Fi and Technology Upgrades - \$100,000***

Upgrade technology throughout the building to better serve existing needs, as well as those of the congregation, tenants, and facility users well into the future.



### *HVAC Improvements - \$2,000,000 - \$3,000,000*

Complete the installation of a new HVAC system from the Park Level through the fourth floor. Note: Due to the escalating cost estimates associated with replacing the entire HVAC system on all floors of the church, HVAC replacement from the Park Level through the fourth floor was deferred until sufficient funds can be raised to move forward on this project phase.

### *Finishes - \$500,000 - \$1,000,000+*

Depending on the scope of work, restore or upgrade finishes throughout the building (excluding the recently renovated sanctuary) including:

- Painting all rooms and stairwells.
- Updating carpeting where needed.
- Replacing flooring as needed.
- Replacing and upgrading light fixtures as needed.
- Replacing all stairwell doors for safety and to improve flow.
- Upgrading millwork and other damaged building finishes, including replacing metal doors where needed.

*“Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.” 2 Corinthians 9:6, 8*



### *Peter Marshall Hall Improvements - \$175,000 - \$300,000*

While recent painting and other superficial improvements have been completed, reconfiguring the space would enable more versatile use that could prove attractive to meeting and event organizers, thereby generating new rental income.

- Create one central entrance to Peter Marshall Hall.
- Reconfigure and reduce the size of the kitchen to create space for one or two new meeting rooms, thus enabling the daily McClendon Center programs to be consolidated on the fifth floor.
- Install flexible room dividers to facilitate small private break-out rooms for congregational and client use.
- Install new flooring to abate noise coming through to the sanctuary, enabling simultaneous use of both spaces.



**Peter Marshall Hall Re-envisioned**



## Park Level

### *Radcliffe Room and First Floor Improvements - \$400,000 - \$550,000*

Remodel the first floor to enhance the space for short term meeting rental and small receptions.

- Refurbish the Radcliffe Room with acoustic improvements and technology upgrades to make it an attractive downtown conference rental space to outside groups.
- Move the “little kitchen” adjacent to the Radcliffe Room for more efficient use.
- Re-configure the connection between the Lincoln Parlor and John Quincy Adams Rooms so that they can be used together for smaller receptions, lectures, meetings, or rental events.



Radcliffe Room Re-envisioned





### ***Park Level Improvements - \$350,000 - \$600,000***

- Opening up the large gathering space by exposing the 13+ foot ceilings.
- Re-installing windows to bring in natural light, as originally designed.
- Reconfiguring and brightening lower level classrooms for multiple use and ages.
- Adding tiered seating for children in the large gathering space, as well as flexible room dividers.
- Renovating the kitchen to serve the needs of children and small gatherings.

## **Financing the Renovation Projects**

Through this appeal, we seek to raise as much of the \$6.3 to \$8.5 million as possible. Here are key options for possible member giving:

- ***Three year Capital Fund Appeal.*** Pledge over and above regular annual giving. (See the “Hoped for Gift” options on page 11.)
- ***Friends of NYAPC.*** We will ask non-members, former members and community leaders with a heart for historic buildings, our Abraham Lincoln Heritage, and/or the ministry of NYAPC to consider giving to this Appeal. Pastor Linda Lader is coordinating this effort and can be reached at [Linda.Lader@gmail.com](mailto:Linda.Lader@gmail.com) or 202-257-3599.
- ***Bequests.*** We will be adding to our congregational Planned Giving Program by asking those who wish to remember NYAPC in their will to consider a Charitable Remainder Trust or a Life Insurance policy in their planning. Director of Planned Giving and Special Gifts Cathy Schultheis will provide further information and can be reached at [ceks12601@yahoo.com](mailto:ceks12601@yahoo.com), 301-448-2821 (cell) or 301-622-3149 (home).
- ***Loan to the Congregation.*** If the congregation chooses to undertake all of the renovation projects, loans may be an option. Therefore we ask members to consider a no-interest or low-interest loan to the congregation in support of these projects. You can contact David or Amy Gillies, Co-chairs of this Capital Fund Appeal, at [capfundappeal@gmail.com](mailto:capfundappeal@gmail.com).

*“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” 1 Peter 4:10*

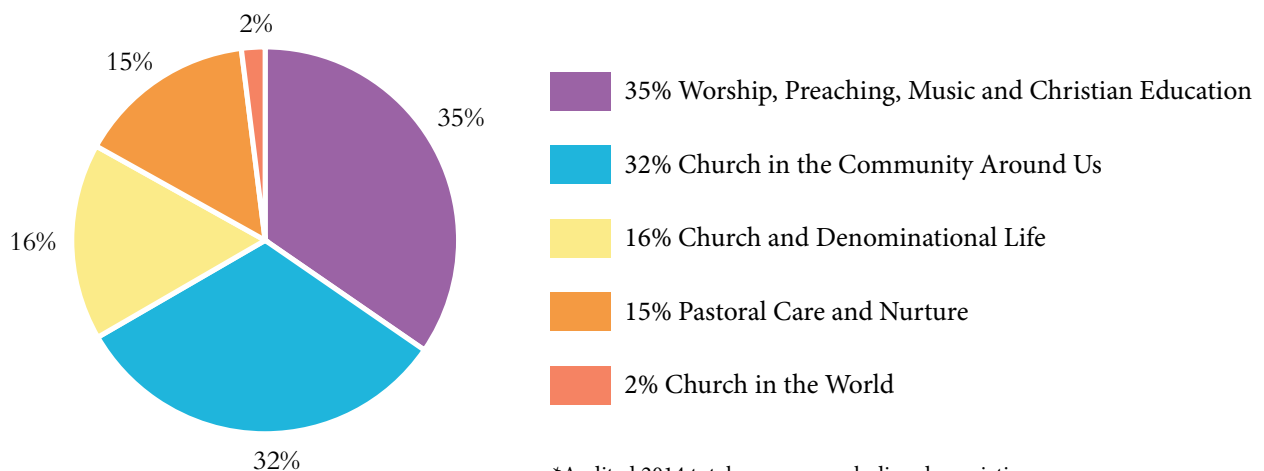


## Annual Stewardship Giving

The church building is in and of itself a mission, but the reason for the church building is what happens inside. What happens inside the building is funded every year through our Annual Stewardship Giving. Our expenses are 100% mission—for our congregation, our community, our denomination, and our world—and must be the first priority for giving.

For the coming year, we ask everyone to prayerfully consider a commitment which increases their annual Stewardship Commitment by 2%-3%, while also considering an additional commitment for the Capital Appeal. There will be one response form for you to indicate your commitment for both funds.

NYAPC 2014 Expenses: 100% Mission \$1,585,454 \*



\*Audited 2014 total expenses excluding depreciation

*“You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don’t give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.” 2 Corinthians 9:7*



## Capital Fund Appeal “Hoped for Gift” Options

For the Capital Fund portion of your pledging process, we ask members to *PRAY AND CONSIDER* one of these three types of “Hoped for Gifts”:

**Matching Existing Giving** – For example, if you are currently giving \$40 per week as your regular giving to the church, we ask you to please pray and consider giving an additional \$40 per week for the next three years to our Appeal.

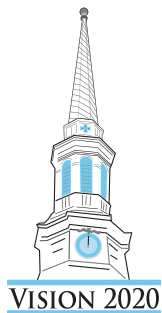
**Heritage Gift** – If you are in a position to give more we ask you to pray and consider making a Heritage gift of \$8,000 to \$25,000 over the next three years.

**Legacy Gift** – NYAPC has raised about \$2 million in previous Capital Fund Appeals. If we are to reach the \$6 to \$8 million level in this Appeal we will need several members or friends to pray and consider gifts in these ranges:

Number of Legacy Gifts Needed	Legacy Gift Levels
1	\$1 Million
3	\$500,000
5	\$300,000
10-15	\$100,000

The decision is yours. Whatever your response to this appeal, thank you for considering this request and for your support for the ministry of New York Avenue Presbyterian Church.

*“God will open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.”* Malachi 3:10



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## Decision Making After The Appeal

In early 2016, congregational leaders will begin a process for deciding final renovation priorities. These priorities will be determined by evaluating which renovations have the greatest impact on the present and future ministry of the congregation, as well as assessing the sources of money to fund them.

## Our Appeal Leadership

We are thankful for the dedicated members and pastors of our church who are giving of their time and talent to help make the Vision 2020 Appeal a success.

Laura Asiala  
Rebecca Davis  
Ken Garnes  
Rev. Roger Gench  
Amy Gillies  
David Gillies  
Hal Hiemstra

Michele Holland  
Rev. Linda Lader  
Benno Lauer  
Molly Lauer  
Karen Milam  
Jeff Moore  
Bonita Pennino

Cathy Schultheis  
John Schultheis  
Courtney Spearman  
Jim Spearman  
Rev. Alice Tewell  
Caroline White

Many others are serving in a variety of Appeal roles. We thank them all for their service!

Donate/pledge at [www.nyapc.org](http://www.nyapc.org) (202) 393-3700

*"Freely you have received, freely give."* Matthew 10:8

