



**a time to
build up**

 Covenant Stewardship 2019

An Invitation to Stewardship in 2019

Children Recreation
 Health Recreation
 Music **Build** Global
 Outreach **Up** Local
 Young Adults **Mission**
 Care **Worship** Hospitality
 Young Adults Care Worship

"Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house..."

– 1 Peter 2:5 –

Mail the form below, visit CovenantPresby.org/pledge or scan the QR code below with your smart phone.



In support of the ministry of Covenant Presbyterian Church, I (we) pledge a yearly total of \$ for 2019.

Printed Name(s)

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Please detach and return your pledge card or bring it to worship on Sunday, Nov. 11 as we dedicate our gifts in a combined service of celebration and commitment.

Dear [PERSONALIZED NAME(S) HERE],

Over the decades we have been members of Covenant, we've witnessed the physical growth of our church: the opening of the Rec Wing, expansion of the Fellowship Hall and development of The Point. Within weeks, we will see further physical growth on our campus as work moves forward on a child development center and hospitality space. All of these endeavors are tremendous physical testaments to – and vehicles for – God's goodness.

What really excites the two of us, however, is the way we have seen God at work as Covenant *builds up* individuals, communities and ministries that make a difference, near and far. Our own lives at Covenant have been marked by connection to others, healing safe spaces, motivating vision, development of understanding, collaboration of effort, growth of faith and regular flashes of joy.

God has shaped our hearts and lives through the outreach, education, music and leadership of this church. That's what inspires us now to come to you with something that really matters – an invitation for you to join us in the life-changing work of this congregation.

This is a time of great opportunity for Covenant and the future of its mission. Thank you for building with us!

– Licia and Steve Shockley
2019 Stewardship Campaign Chairs



Licia and Steve Shockley
with Zane, Kohl and Mauryn



A CLOSER LOOK AT OUTREACH TO OUR CITY

With a sharpened focus on affordable housing and education, Covenant is poised to make a game-changing impact. We are acting on Charlotte's economic mobility challenge.

One shining example is our partnership with *Habitat for Humanity*. Our congregation was one of seven founding churches of Habitat Charlotte 35 years ago. We will serve this fall in both Charlotte and Avery County, NC. Next spring, our congregation will come together for a full house build.

"We couldn't be more thrilled to bring the reality of affordable homeownership to a hard-working family," said Laura Belcher, Habitat President & CEO.

Also in the coming year, we will expand our work with *Highland Renaissance Academy*, a K-8 school north of uptown Charlotte. In addition to reading buddies and monthly teacher appreciation brunches, we'll start a new after-school athletics program to offer character-building experiences.

"Covenant folks are physically here for the students," a teacher at Highland said. *"And they provide opportunities that our students wouldn't otherwise have."*



Children & Music

A CLOSER LOOK AT CHILDREN & MUSIC

From Covenant's earliest days, music has added vitality to our worship life. We are preparing children and youth to serve as leaders for our congregation.

The traditional music ministry, under the direction of Heather and Kenney Potter, is an entry point into the life of the congregation – a community where people of all ages and experience levels feel empowered to offer their gifts to God.

"To continue the great tradition - seeking God's kingdom and serving not only our church, but the larger Church," Kenney said.

This fall, the choir will welcome staff singers and its first group of Choral Scholars to add richness to the traditional music experience. Rehearsals for adults and children will shift to Wednesday nights in an effort to foster greater connection with the broader church family during Open Table fellowship.

"Whether you can commit a lot of time or a little," Kenney said, *"there's a place for you to sing in God's worship."*



Strength of Our Team

A CLOSER LOOK AT THE STRENGTH OF OUR TEAM

A child development center and hospitality space will open in 2019, marking the most significant additions to our campus in two decades. We will invest in staffing and leadership to utilize the expansion to its full potential.

Covenant will host three schools – a Weekday Preschool; the Epiphany School for children with social and communication challenges; and a full-day child development center for families of diverse economic backgrounds.

Amid a daily hubbub of more people and activity, it will be essential to have a strong infrastructure. That's why a major focus in 2019 will be adding the necessary resources to optimize our facilities.

Covenant has long made it a priority to nurture the next generation of leaders. Our People in Mission and Stapleton-Davidson programs put college students on the front lines of Charlotte's anti-poverty initiatives. A pastoral residency program equips young ministers for the road ahead.

Consider the words of Jen Christianson, who joined the staff of Winnetka Covenant Church in Wilmette, Ill., in July 2018 after a residency at Covenant.

"What a gift to find a place right out of school where I could grow and be challenged," Jen said. *"Perhaps most of all, I learned how to minister in ways that are genuine, authentic to me and unique to my calling. I will carry that learning with me forever."*

