



Some of our Good Works volunteers



Westminster members work with community leaders to build water filtration systems in Honduras.

Here is what the average annual household pledge at Westminster of \$2,600 looks like at several different increase levels. You can see that the increases are relatively modest, but combined, they will make a great difference for next year's ministry.

\$2,600 + 6% increase = **\$2,756** (only \$3 more per week)
\$2,600 + 8% increase = **\$2,808** (only \$4 more per week)
\$2,600 + 10% increase = **\$2,860** (only \$5 more per week)

Consider increasing your giving for the coming year, and putting that on a pledge card to turn in. Please join me, as we STEP UP together and begin the next 125 years of faithful ministry with a solid financial foundation to support Westminster's vision for Knowing Christ, and Making Christ Known. Thank you for your past generosity and thoughtful consideration of this request.

"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received."

-1 Peter 4:10

Yours in Christ,

Don Lincoln
Lead Pastor, Westminster Presbyterian Church

PS: Please bring your pledge to church on Commitment Sunday, October 8. If you are unable to attend that day, feel free to offer your pledge in the plate or mail it beforehand.



Members of Westminster and First Presbyterian gather together for dinner, drinks and fellowship at Pub Theology.

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Dear Westminster members and friends,

First of all, thank you for your commitment to Westminster's ministry in 2017. Your financial support is helping the congregation complete 125 years of faithful work for the kingdom! Your generosity has helped fill this year with opportunities to Know Christ and Make Christ Known!

"And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work."

-2 Corinthians 9:8

In 2017 we will house and feed up to 56 family members for a total of 28 days this year with Family Promise, another new ministry supported by our Outreach budget. On September 10 we will open 10 West, our new "Westminster Café" to provide food for fellowship each Sunday, and we will begin live streaming our morning worship over the internet.



What Your Pledge Can Do!



pays the stipend for a guest lecturer leading a four week Adult Sunday School class.



purchases communion supplies for a year.



will launch our first ever Men's Retreat next April.



covers all property costs (utilities, landscaping, maintenance, repair, insurance, debt, property reserve) for one day.

What Your Pledge Can Do!



purchases one water filtration system for a Honduran village of 800 homes.



funds the entire scope of Westminster's ministry for ONE DAY.



renovates one house with Good Works.

We entered 2017 without a Capital Campaign for the first time in 25 years. That required us to include payment on our debt of \$530,000 in the operating budget. Your financial support helped us absorb that debt within our operating costs, without impacting our programmatic ministry or reducing outreach into the community and the world. You will be pleased to know we reduced the principal on that debt to \$460,000 within the first seven months of 2017, thanks to the continued generosity of the congregation.

We have taken time to celebrate 125 years of faithfulness, but the next 125 years are about to begin! I am excited, leaders are committed, and the congregation's spirit is – as always – poised to STEP UP to the call for ministry in 2018.

Commitment Sunday is October 8

In the 2018 budget, for our church ministries, we plan to fully fund the Sunday morning Café for the entire year, and will

fund our twice annual New Members' fellowship luncheons that were initiated through an Endowment Fund grant. We will increase our savings in our Property Reserve, knowing there are major expenditures in the next few years (e.g. several roof replacements, sanctuary carpeting). We also hope to provide a modest increase in retirement savings contributions for non-ordained staff, who do not receive the full pension the pastors do.

On the Outreach Front, we hope to further increase our financial subsidies for mission trips so that more children, youth and adults have the opportunity for those life-changing experiences of mission partnerships in Mexico and Honduras. We would like to increase our contributions to missions like Broad Street in Philadelphia, and Safe Harbor in West Chester. We would like to plan for another water filtration installation in Honduras and expand our local outreach in the West Chester Community through our "Pub



Abbi Jones, one of our 2017 VBS interns demonstrates how the presence of God in our midst is like the force of moving air.

What Your Pledge Can Do!

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\$1,500 covers the cost of interns to serve 175 children in Vacation Bible School.
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\$1,500 pays for one meal and all related costs for up to 500 guests at Broad Street Ministries.
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\$1,800 covers the cost of 30-40 youth to attend our CREDO confirmation class next year.
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\$2,000 buys coffee for next year.



For the first time our budget supported Vets With A Mission, and Vietnam Vet and Westminster member Bud Bruton traveled with medical teams to Vietnam where three youngsters received life-saving heart surgery, further funded by Westminster's Endowment Fund.

What Your Pledge Can Do!

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\$2,500 covers the annual cost of lunches (that Westminster volunteers pack!) every month for Safe Harbor.
- 
\$3,000 secures one open heart surgery in Vietnam through Vets with a Mission.
- 
\$4,000 broadcasts Westminster's worship on the radio for one year. Beginning in September, this amount will cover costs for live online streaming of morning worship for a year!
- 
\$5,200 pays for an average month's utility bill

Theology" partnership with First Presbyterian Church.

We would like to fund our Vacation Bible School and Youth Ministry

"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

-Matthew 6:21

Interns through the operating budget, rather than counting on special gifts from individuals to help train future church leaders and increase the outreach of our ministries for children and youth.

We believe that to fulfill our calling, support our staff and ministries, and continue to expand our Christian witness in the community and world, a 6% increase in our operating budget would be prudent, responsible and achievable. That will require the support of givers like you, as you prayerfully consider how your gratitude to God and commitment to the work of the kingdom will be enacted for 2018.

Commensurate with the budget increase, we are asking all Westminster participants to consider at least a 6% increase in their giving for the coming year.

We would also very much like for you to consider making a pledge to the 2018 operating budget. While your giving can bring great satisfaction about the vibrant ministry we are all helping make possible, having an annual pledge in hand equips Westminster's leaders to do more effective and faithful planning to keep that vibrant ministry moving forward.



Volunteers pack lunches for Safe Harbor