PRESERVE THE PINNACLE
A CAMPAIGN TO PRESERVE THE PINNACLE FOR OUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY.

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“Love Thy Neighbor.”

“From the pulpit to the choir loft at Westminster, the spirit of the commandment is preached, spoken, sung. It speaks to us as we worship, and as we learn and work together...in Sunday School classes, and church committee meetings...in simple Christmas pageants, and in highly organized mission projects.

And it moves us: from prayer and reflection in Westminster’s beautiful sanctuary...out into the world, to do good works.

The values of peace, justice, and neighborly love are the spiritual foundation of this church.

Our family’s gift to Preserve the Pinnacle comes from our gratitude for and commitment to Westminster’s historic dedication and daily devotion to the transformative power of Love.”

-Bob Bojdak, Sarah Williams, Elizabeth & Christina

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WITH YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT, THE CAMPAIGN TO PRESERVE THE PINNACLE WILL:

**Repair the Leaking Roof:** 1903 was the last time that the Church slate roof was replaced. In need of immediate repair, and in some sections replacement, the new roof will provide Westminster confidence for the next century of worship for future generations of families.

**Restore Stained Glass Windows in the Sanctuary:** Even with systematic care and cleanings, over the course of time, our extraordinary stained glass windows are showing signs of stress due to the settling of the Church foundation. Some panels are bulging and some have small fissures. They require both new glazing and reinforcing bars. Artisans with specialized skills will perform the conservation.

**Restore the Sanctuary:** Rain and snow have penetrated a few small worn areas of the slate roof. As a result, some portions of the plaster ceiling in the Sanctuary require restoration. Plaster restoration specialists will achieve these repairs restoring the beauty of this magnificent worship space that is the paramount reason for our existence.

**Preserve the Spire that Houses the Bell:** Slate on the spire requires re-pointing. Matching the intricate colors and managing this detailed repair will ensure the renewal and beauty of Buffalo's iconic architectural mast. The finials on the four corners of the sanctuary, one of which has fallen to the ground, are weakened from age and weather. Each finial will be restored.

**Holmes Chapel and Organ:** Moisture has penetrated the west-facing wall of the chapel and two high south-facing stained glass windows. Plaster and paint restoration is needed along with the vital work of restoring the organ.

**Restore and Enhance the Organ in the Sanctuary:** The Sanctuary's Aeolian-Skinner pipe organ guides weekly worship, celebrations and events in the life of our church. Necessary restoration work, to include new consoles and wiring to replace failing mechanisms dating from the 1950s, along with enhancements, will allow WPC to continue to have the finest sacred music program in WNY.

**Renovate and Update WECP:** For the youngest residents of Western New York, Westminster Early Childhood Program provides care and education by a highly trained staff from infancy through age five, while supporting parents and enriching family life. Widely recognized as the finest program of its kind, children are nurtured through accredited, age-appropriate learning during the most critical years of human development. Children learn and grow in a compassionate, stable environment. The school building will be updated and renovated, with the goal that all students will emerge from the program as kind, curious, and confident individuals eager to learn throughout their lives.
Many of our neighbors who live east of Main Street face the complex and inter-related challenges of poverty, limited housing choices, and juvenile delinquency. During the Campaign to Preserve the Pinnacle 10% of all gifts and pledges will be designated to support mission and outreach projects. Our members, with many talents and skills, will have myriad opportunities to volunteer and help build stronger safer neighborhoods.

The Session has approved several projects in collaboration with the Bailey Green Community Restoration Project. Bailey Green is a sixty-acre residential community that has attracted wide recognition for their ability to coordinate many partners, each with different contributions, and to work with residents in order to maximize, leverage and create synergy of human and material resources to rehabilitate their neighborhood.

**The Westminster Economic Development Initiative (WEDI):** Your gift will support our continued collaboration with WEDI and in partnership with Bailey Green, providing support to rent, rehab and staff a new office space for WEDI’s entrepreneurial loan and coaching program east of Main Street. Bailey Green will generously donate a house, which will be visible and accessible to local business owners. Aspiring entrepreneurs will directly benefit from WEDI’s small business programs.

**Housing:** Your gift will support our collaboration with Bailey Green and Habitat for Humanity to create a building loan fund for homeowners. Volunteers will help launch the program, designed to help homeowners facing significant repairs to be able to remain in their homes through access to no-interest loans.

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**Maine Mission Youth Trip**

**ENERGY Program**
**Peacekeepers:** This community non-profit agency uses trained members who help to build community and keep neighborhoods safe by maintaining a watchful presence and befriending residents to ensure their safety and well-being. Westminster will contribute to the rehab of a house, donated by Bailey Green, to provide Peacekeepers with a new office strategically located on a new lighted walkway.

**Westminster Walk - Lighting the Way:** We will collaborate with a landscape architect and Bailey Green to design and build a lighted corridor that will run across the neighborhood and encourage residents to access neighborhood friends, play areas and Bailey Green’s two urban farms by foot.

**Endowment:** The current endowment is valued at $5.5 million and WPC has no debt. The entire principal is invested for the future and provides a small percentage of annual operating income without which the scope and capacity of our programs could not continue. These funds are the legacy of previous generations and a powerful reminder that everything we have at Westminster Church is a gift from generous members, past and present. New gifts made during the Campaign that total $1,250,000 would provide $50,000 in available annual income to support operations and programs. Remembering Westminster in your estate planning as part of your commitment to Preserve the Pinnacle will ensure that our values and deep commitment to expressing our Christian faith in relevant and progressive ways will continue to strengthen our region and provide witness to justice.

“Our intent is to help assure that Westminster will remain at its present location far into the future and we hope our gift will help elevate the range of giving contemplated by others.”

-William & Linda Magavern
PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A FINANCIAL PLEDGE OF SUPPORT TO PRESERVE THE PINNACLE.

Each member of Westminster will be asked to make a gift.

Your gift can take the form of a pledge and your contribution can be paid in monthly installments or annually over a period of up to three years. Please consider your choices carefully and select the one that best fits your financial situation.

While not everyone can make the same size gift, each gift is critically important to the success of the campaign.

Donations of appreciated securities, life insurance policies and bequests provide additional opportunities to make a gift to support the Campaign. Individuals who are 70+ may be able to make a gift to Westminster directly from their IRA or other retirement fund, and enjoy a tax benefit.

It is particularly important to discuss these options with your tax advisor. The Church does not provide specific legal or financial advice. Gifts in the form of appreciated securities may also provide a way to avoid paying capital gains taxes on those securities. The simplest way to make a gift of any security (stock) is to instruct your broker or fund manager to transfer the asset directly to Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Other types of gifts to consider:

- Bonds
- Annuities
- Mutual Funds
- Bequests

Giving to Westminster is a personal decision. Whatever amount you decide to contribute to the Campaign will sustain our faith community and enable us to continue to make important contributions to the health and well-being of Western New York well in to the future. Our progressive values and dedication to social justice, our warm and welcoming community, the mission programs we are conducting in collaboration with our neighbors and with Bailey Green, Westminster Presents and related music programming, and the many urgent capital needs, will all benefit from your generosity. On behalf of the future generations of members of Westminster, thank you.

Our goal for this campaign is $4,100,000 of which 10% would be spent on mission. Of the remaining funds pledged we have determined many areas where it will be spent to repair, preserve, and enhance our Westminster campus. We will, however, only spend what we receive, and will prioritize the most important areas of repair and preservation first.

PRESERVE THE PINNACLE CAMPAIGN NEEDS

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Gifts to the Annual Generosity Campaign support operating expenses.

Each year Westminster conducts all of its programs from this sole source of revenue. Gifts to our Generosity Campaign are vital to maintain and grow to meet the changing needs of our members and the diverse community we serve.

Your pledge to the Campaign to Preserve the Pinnacle is a unique appeal. You will be asked only once during the next decade to support these urgent needs.

"I have made a Leadership gift to Westminster to help perpetuate the church for the next generation. I have given to sustain our beautiful sanctuary and campus, support our vibrant and creative music program, and begin a new mission to engage the East Side and improve the social fabric of our city."

-Tim and Alex Johnston

"When Tom Yorty invited me to participate in the Capital Campaign, I did not hesitate to say yes, confident in knowing that my efforts and support will help to sustain our diverse programs, expand our ministry, and grow our endowment for generations to come."

-Roger Mark Seifert
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