



WALK in LOVE
respond
in faith

2024 Every Member Canvass

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL





*Walk in love, as Christ loved us
and gave himself for us,
an offering and sacrifice to God.*

— EPHESIANS 5:2

Walk in Love

In Paul's letter of encouragement to the Christians in Ephesus, he tells them to **walk in love**. The point Paul is making is that love should be natural and constant and always present as we walk through life.

For nearly 185 years, Christ Church Cathedral has chosen to walk in love; we are a dynamic congregation known for our generosity and charitable work. Through our various programs, outreach partnerships, and as a cultural hub for the broader community, the Cathedral helps thousands each year to see that the love of God is real and present.

Our ministries are defined by love. The life that we share within the walls of the Cathedral is the same life that we seek to share with the community around us. Since the earliest days of Houston, we've been walking in love in the footsteps of Jesus Christ.







*Faith is the assurance
of things hoped for,
the convictions of things
not seen.*

— HEBREWS 11:1

Respond in Faith

Faith gives us evidence of the invisible, spiritual world. Faith is a willingness to trust in, to rely on, and to cling to.

Faith is looking at God and trusting God for everything, while hope is looking at the future and trusting God for it.

As we look for Christ in one another, we respond in faith. We see and reflect the glory of God through our shared ministry. We are called to reflect Christ's generosity and ***respond in faith*** through giving.



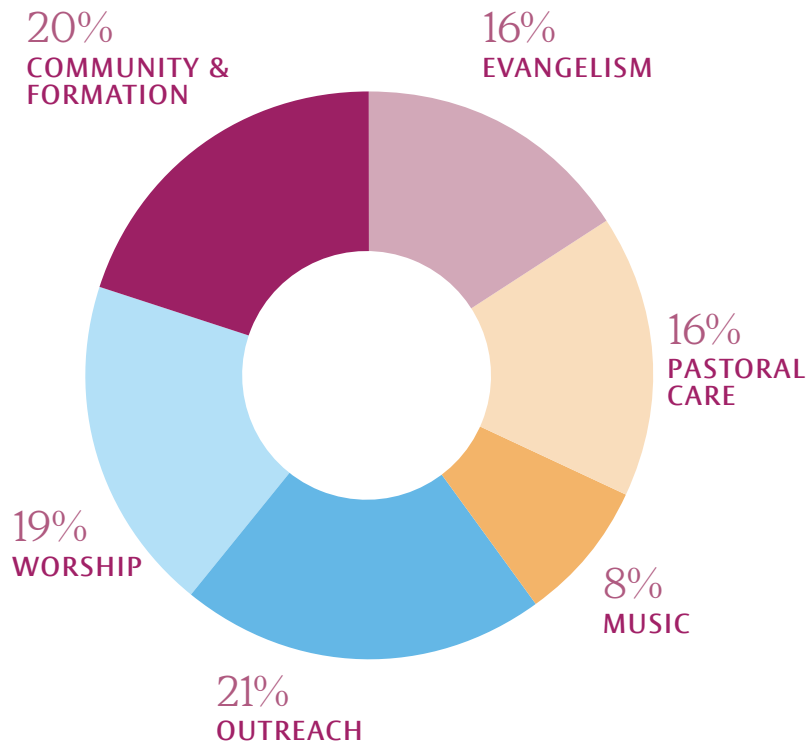
Navigating the Numbers

Christ Church Cathedral has an operating budget of over \$5.8 million. Sixty-seven percent of the annual budget must come from our Every Member Canvass and parishioner contributions.

The Cathedral's Endowment Fund contributes twenty one percent; and twelve percent comes from other revenue sources such as Treebeards restaurant, Cathedral House Episcopal School, and the parking garage.

For more information and to see some FAQs visit www.christchurchcathedral.org/emc

WHERE OUR MONEY IS SPENT

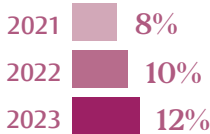


WHERE OUR FUNDING COMES FROM

PARISHIONER CONTRIBUTIONS



ALTERNATE REVENUE STREAMS



CCC ENDOWMENT FUND



Range of Pledges RECEIVED FOR 2023



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25,000 and above	24
15,000 to 24,999	31
10,000 to 14,999	47
5,000 to 9,999	88
2,000 to 4,999	140
1,000 to 1,999	89
\$999 and less	78
TOTAL	497

Out of an estimated 800 families in the congregation, 303 did not pledge in 2023.

Last year, 497 parishioners pledged to the Cathedral for a total of \$3.4 million. The Vestry anticipates that we need \$3.8 million in pledges to fulfill the 2024 budget goals. The Vestry bases the budget solely on the amount pledged; less income requires decreasing the needed budget levels.





As in 1839, Christ Church sits at the corner of Texas Ave. and Fannin St., placing the Cathedral at the crossroads of Houston. Through service, worship, and fellowship we have sought to serve as an open door to all who come to us seeking inspiration, support, and encouragement.



Worship & Music

In gathering for prayer, a deeper understanding of scripture, and thanksgiving, we discover our most profound point of connection to God and one another. Meaningful and beautiful worship defines our communal life and is marked by joyous participation and deep reverence.



Formation for All

Our vibrant adult education programs engage our intellect, serving those who are hungry for spiritual knowledge. We believe that youth are leaders, paving the way on mission trips to Costa Rica, serving as acolytes in worship, and volunteering in the community. We believe that if we hear children in church, we will hear Church in our children. We are committed to building intergenerational and bilingual relationships; as well as learn about and understand the growing needs of young people and their families.

Outreach & Social Justice

With servant hands and hearts, we focus outside the Cathedral partnering with other charitable organizations to amplify and enhance our outreach for Houston's immigrant communities, the homeless, and others in need. Cathedral members put faith into action, with efforts such as medical debt relief, blood drives, the Alternative Giving Market, and Rally Against Hunger; working together we illuminate and fulfill God's justice in the world.

Hospitality & Accessibility

The Cathedral's Latino congregation continues to thrive, exhibiting radical hospitality to all who walk among us. We have new ways of ministering virtually to people who cannot attend church in-person; our livestream technology and improved digital resources extend our reach beyond our walls and into homes. Leadership has increased the commitment to opportunities for English and Spanish translation services, so that all can participate together in key moments of church life without barriers.

Pastoral Care & Community Life

Through hospitality, inclusivity, and presence during life's toughest moments, we are drawn closer to one another. Within our community, we seek to address the pastoral needs of parishioners, assuring that no one navigates life's journey alone. We are a large family held together by love of Christ, respect for each other, and a sense of joy in coming together.



Meet Our Co-Chair Families

“When you’re committed in a financial way, you feel like you’re a part of God’s plan for this community. We think we benefit a lot more from it than we give even. It causes you to pay more attention to what God is doing at the Cathedral than maybe you would otherwise. With Meredith having served on the search committee, we feel it is important to support the Cathedral and our new Dean by doing everything that we can individually, including financially, so our church, clergy, staff, and members, can thrive and grow and adapt to answer God’s call.”

— Meredith Canada & Michelle Hale



“We would like to see every member of Christ Church participate in the 2024 EMC campaign, regardless of the size of their gift. We are excited to welcome and support Dean Katz in the coming months, and year, as he begins to set priorities for his leadership and the Cathedral. We hope to engage the Cathedral community throughout the EMC campaign exactly where each member is. We would like to encourage all to make a thoughtful and meaningful pledge of support this year.”

— Beth & Adam Jackson





A Letter from the Stewardship Council

The implementation of the vision of the Cathedral has only been possible through the committed support of people like you. It is through your gifts – of time, talent, and treasure - that the vision can continue to grow. With God's help, and with the generous support of us all, we will continue the tradition of worship, service, and fellowship that has blessed so many. As you prayerfully consider your gift, let your walking in love guide you. Let the gift reflect your faith in the Cathedral's future and in what the congregation can do and be together. Your support is vital as we pursue the next chapter in our history.

THE 2023 STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

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