



## ***This Time, This Place: The Campaign for Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church*** **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **1. What is the *This Time, This Place* campaign?**

- With our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2023, *This Time, This Place* is a historic campaign to restore and revitalize our church campus, for the continued fellowship and development of Christian Disciples for generations to come.
- *This Time, This Place* is a faith guided request for all BMPC members to pause and reflect upon the mission and nature of our church and how we can extend our work through aspirational change.
- This campaign is a celebration of all those who have come before us and a resurrance for those to come that BMPC will stand for another 150 years.

### **2. What has been the process of deciding upon the vision and priorities of *This Time, This Place*?**

- The development of *This Time, This Place* has been a comprehensive effort managed by members of the Property Committee, Church Session, and Trustees, as well as the expertise of other internal and external stakeholders.
- The vision and priorities of *This Time, This Place* were developed with the goal of connecting with all members of our church family, no matter their area of passion or interest.

### **3. What are the desired outcomes of *This Time, This Place*?**

- At the end of *This Time, This Place*, we hope to have positioned our community to continue church nurture and mission now and for generations to come.
- Concrete outcomes of this campaign include:
  - i. Ensuring BMPC remains a sanctuary for all
  - ii. Increasing campus-wide mobility and accessibility for all BMPC members
  - iii. Revitalizing and restoring community spaces for intergenerational fellowship
  - iv. Expanding our level of and access to hands-on mission and outreach opportunities
  - v. Limiting our dependence on emergency campaigns to address our property needs

### **4. How will mission and outreach be incorporated in this campaign?**

- Mission has been a key part of BMPC's history and legacy over the years. The campaign is dedicated to tithing 10% of all money raised to mission work.
- The Mission Council's current goals for this money are below:
  - i. Anniversary grants to BMPC mission partners
  - ii. Creation of hands-on mission work
  - iii. Supporting Youth mission opportunities locally and globally

### **5. What is the fundraising goal?**

- This Time, This Place has a current fundraising goal of \$17.5 million.
- However, our church has assessed needs of over \$25 million.
- Accordingly, our current goal of \$17.5 million represents a target which we hope to meet and / or exceed through participation and generosity from all church members.

**6. How will we determine the success of *This Time, This Place*?**

- The success of *This Time, This Place* will be focused not only on the amount of money raised, but also the broad participation and support of BMPC's membership.
- BMPC is a community of diverse leaders and faithful followers of Christ and we hope that *This Time, This Place* will be a moment in our history where more of our members understand our church's needs and priorities and are inspired to join in the effort to extend our current work and our legacy.

**7. When will construction and renovation of church spaces begin and end?**

- The church's Campaign and Renovations Committees hope to start work on the Education Building during the summer of 2019.
- Timing of renovation and restoration of other areas of the church will be driven by the success of our fundraising efforts through the *This Time, This Place* campaign.

**8. How many members does BMPC have?**

- BMPC has an active membership of approximately 2,300 and sees an average of 500 members each Sunday.
- Many members of our community choose to maintain their membership and stewardship giving to BMPC although they live elsewhere much of the year.

**9. Is my donation to the *This Time, This Place* campaign the same as my annual stewardship donation?**

- Donations to this campaign would be in addition to annual stewardship donations.
- We hope that church members will be able to support the campaign as well as maintain their current annual stewardship commitments.
- If members are not able to manage gifts to both efforts, we encourage them to maintain their stewardship giving and pray for the success of *This Time, This Place*.

**10. Why does BMPC need a campaign if its has a success annual stewardship effort?**

- The generosity of BMPC's members goes a long way in addressing our annual operational and mission related needs, but still leaves a financial gap with respect to all that must be done to maintain the church's worship, educational, and fellowship spaces.
- *This Time, This Place* seeks to raise the funds to address longstanding restoration and renovation work, so that more of our annual stewardship can be directed to our ministries and less will be needed for ongoing physical repair and upkeep.
- Our campus is the seat of all BMPC mission, outreach, and fellowship, thus ensuring our physical presence remains intact promotes the development and success of our growing membership and ministries.

**11. What different types of gifts can I make to the campaign?**

- Members can donate to the *This Time, This Place* campaign in a variety of ways with the goal of making the most generous gift possible.
- A sampling of welcomed gift types follow:
  - i. Cash or Stock Gifts

- ii. IRA Direct Rollovers (Required Minimum Distributions)
- iii. Retirement Account Beneficiary indications (401ks, Life Insurance, etc.)
- iv. Lead or Remainder Trusts
- v. Any combination of the above.

**12. Can I make a gift to the campaign through my will?**

- Yes, BMPC will graciously accept a legacy gift to the *This Time, This Place* campaign through a member's Estate and Planned Giving intentions.
- Delayed gifts through planned gifts will be directed to the building preservation segment of the campaign.
- To learn more about BMPC's Foundation and make a legacy gift to the campaign, please contact Keith Brinks, BMPC's Foundation Development Chair, at [kabrinks@aol.com](mailto:kabrinks@aol.com) or Sarah Miciek, BMPC's Director of Finance, at [sarahmiciek@bmpc.org](mailto:sarahmiciek@bmpc.org).