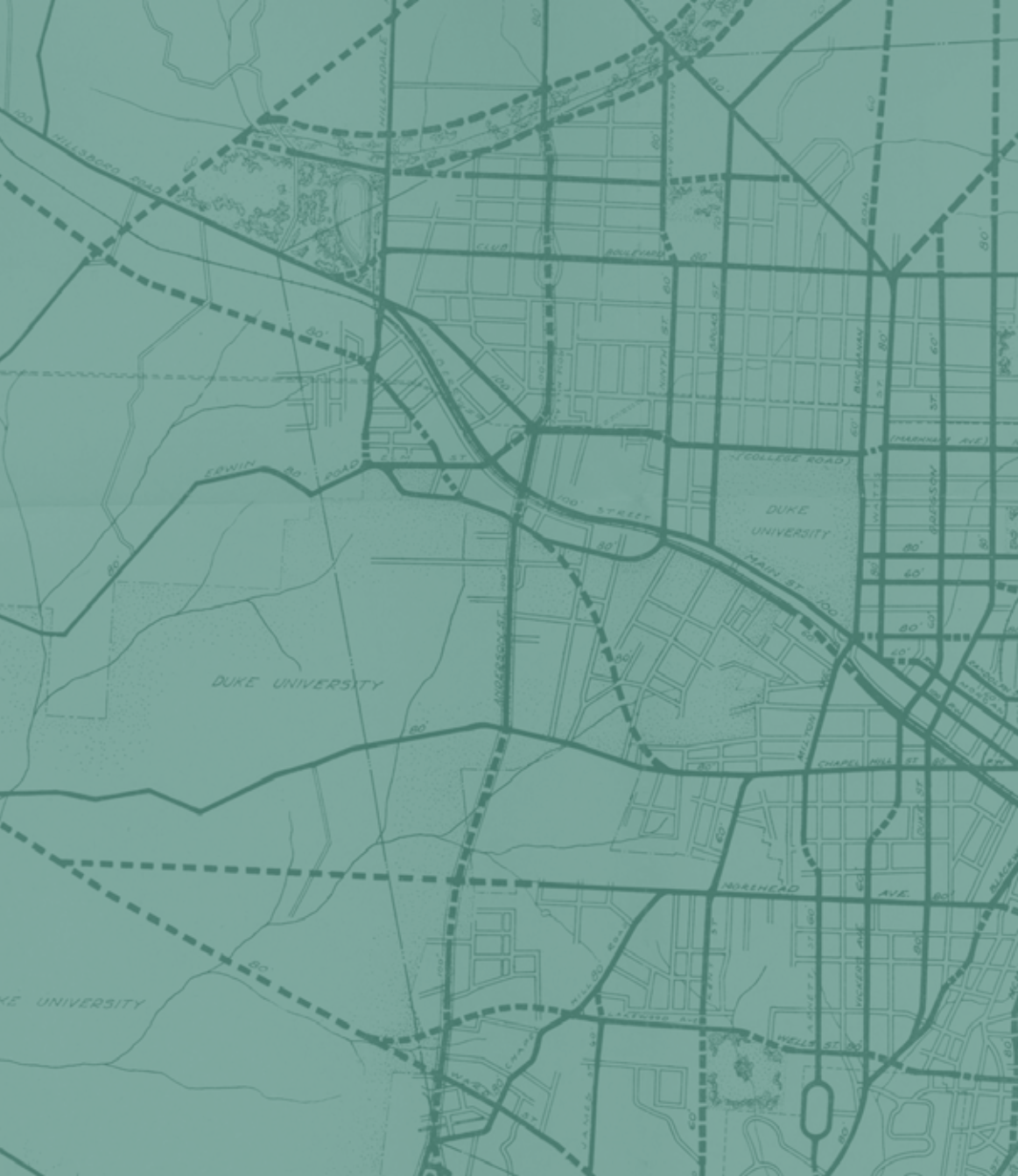





BECOME

W E C O M E






“ *Durham and the Triangle are growing at incredible rates – 30 people per day are moving to the area. What a great opportunity we have for people to be exposed to the gospel and embraced by our church.*

- DANIEL MASON



A person wearing a blue and white striped button-down shirt is seated at a wooden desk, reading a book. The person's hands are visible, holding the pages of the book. The background is slightly blurred, showing a window with a view of greenery. A white rectangular box with a thin black border is overlaid on the center of the image, containing text.

*And I am sure of this,
He who began a good
work in you will bring
it to completion at the
day of Christ Jesus.*

PHILIPPIANS 1:6

Christ Central Church started as a dream between two friends. Before there was a service, before there was a building, there was hope that this church could help Durham BECOME what God was making it to be.





Our desire is to be in the midst of Durham. Our purpose is to use the gospel to bridge the gap between the spiritual and cultural issues in our city. Through His church, God calls us to dig in and **BECOME** a voice for the marginalized and a hope for those who have none — and he provided more abundantly than we ever expected.

*You can be part of this vision, and help us **BECOME** a place that seeks the good of the city and the spread of the gospel.*

WE BELIEVE

God wants Durham to flourish spiritually, socially and culturally, and we believe that is best achieved through the power of the Gospel.



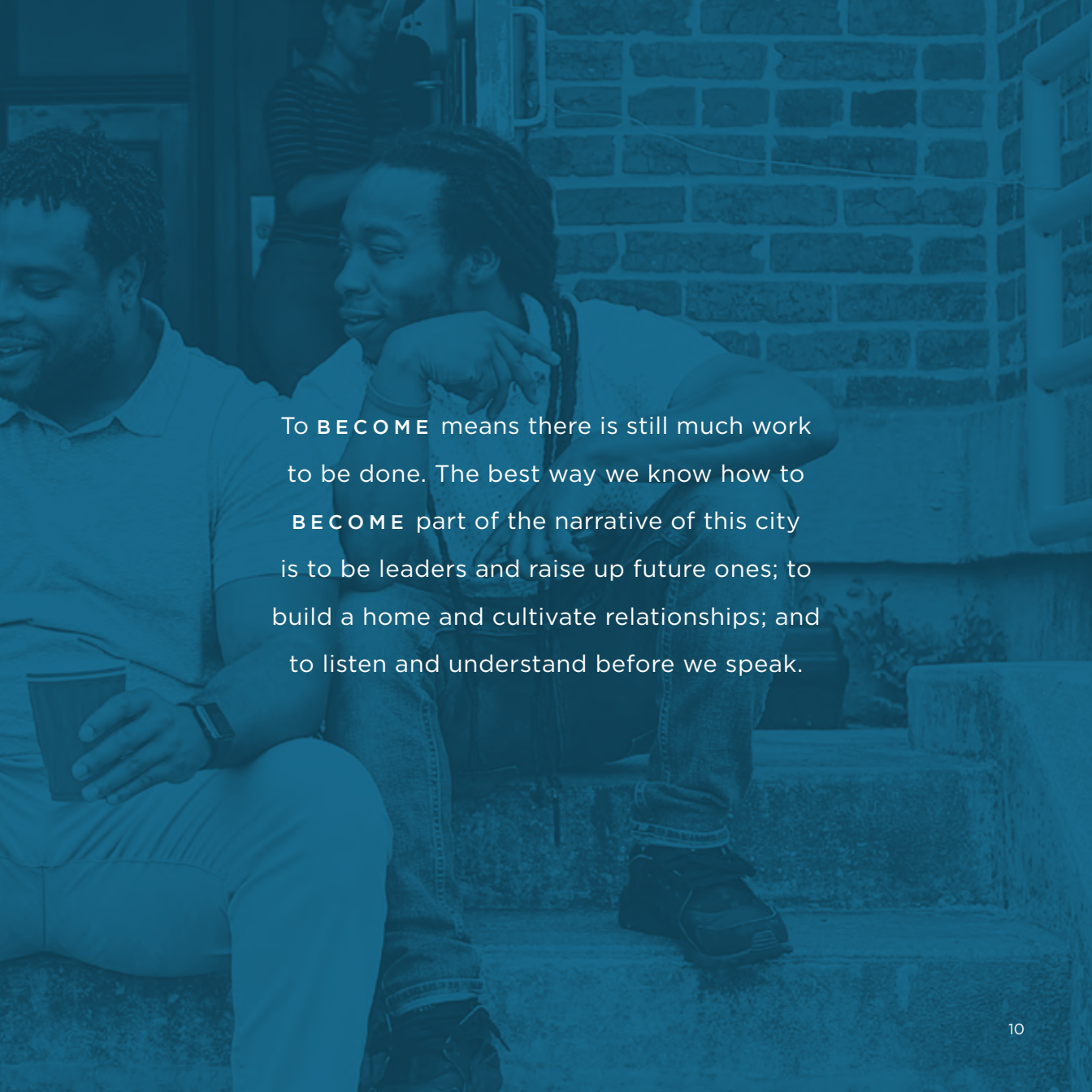
Since we opened our doors five years ago, Christ Central has grown from 40 people attending on Sunday mornings to almost 700, from five children to over 200. There are now 20 city groups that meet throughout the city each week, three ministries that regularly engage our community, and countless partnerships with other local ministries, including on three college campuses.

Our vision is to **BECOME** part of the fabric of the city. We hope to do that by finding a permanent home and weaving into our people a vision of God's kingdom and the desire to seek it in all places. We want to **BECOME** a space where this city can experience what it needs most, in a way that brings renewal to all areas of life.

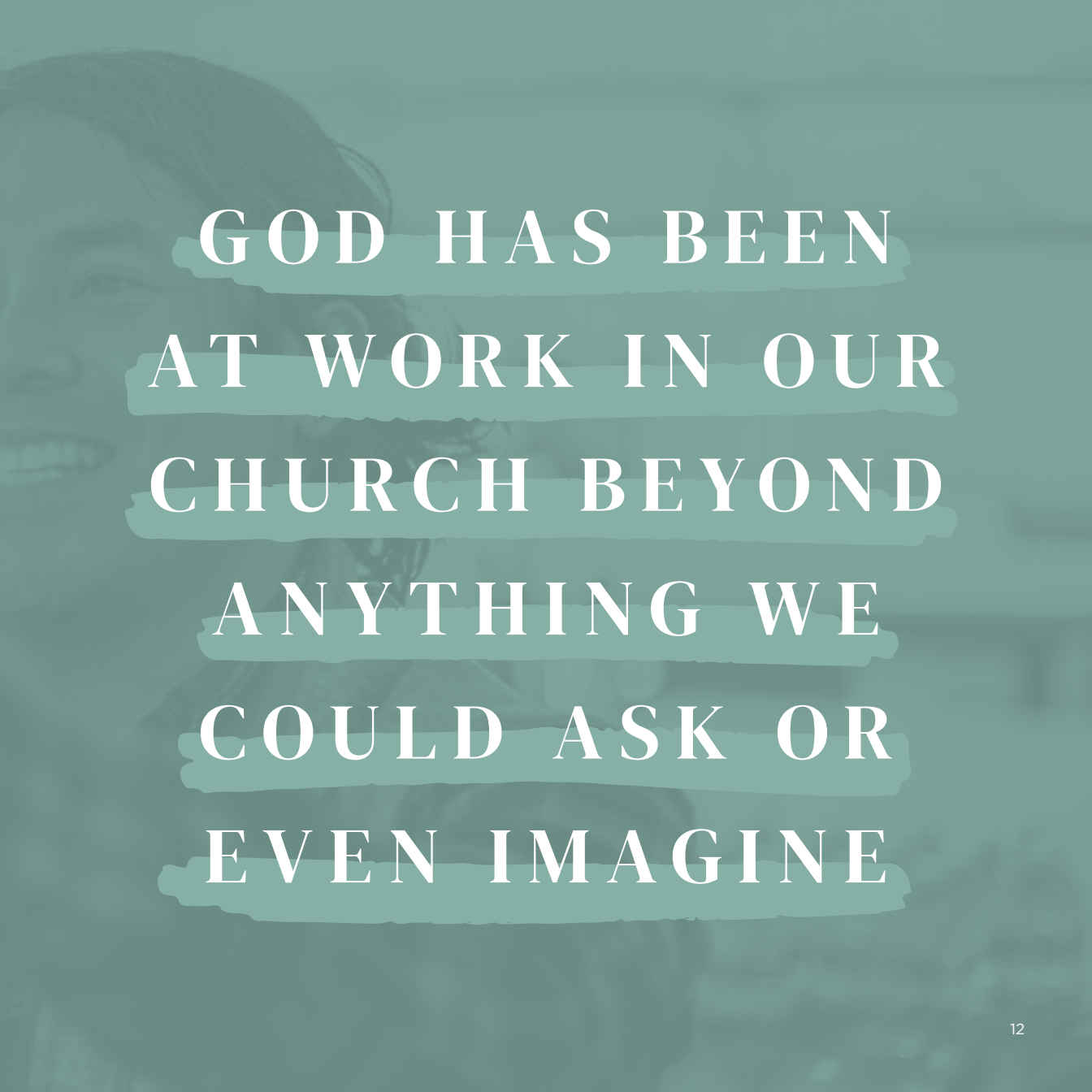


WE BELIEVE

God is calling Christ Central Church to BECOME a people who are fully committed to the vision of His Kingdom. But we aren't there yet.



To **BECOME** means there is still much work to be done. The best way we know how to **BECOME** part of the narrative of this city is to be leaders and raise up future ones; to build a home and cultivate relationships; and to listen and understand before we speak.



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HOW WE WILL **BECOME** OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS

But we are not the ones who will ultimately effect the renewal of Durham. Instead, it is through Christ's work on the cross and God's continued work in us that our city will **BECOME** what it is meant to be.

*Through the BECOME Initiative,
we want to become a church that:*



**RAISES UP
NEW LEADERS**



**PLANTS
CHURCHES**



**SEEKS MERCY
AND JUSTICE**



**PERMANENTLY
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A CHURCH THAT

RAISES UP NEW LEADERS

We want to create a gospel movement in Durham that ripples beyond city limits, and gospel-rich leadership is something we know is essential to doing this. We want to create a leadership program to equip and develop both lay and ministry leaders to **BECOME** future leaders within our church, church plants in the city, and in churches around the world. The program will consist of training programs and apprenticeships, comprehensive ministry internships, and an expedited seminary program through a seminary partnership.



30% ALLOCATION

Goals

1. MINORITY LEADERSHIP

In our denomination, minority leaders make up only 1% of our elders. We want to aid in the progression of our denomination. Durham itself is a highly diverse city, and we want our church and our leadership to look like the city that we live in. We can't simply depend on minority leaders to feel led to come and join our church – we want to create a pipeline that develops minority leadership right here at Christ Central, in Durham, and even send them out beyond the city.

2. PASTORAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Our program will seek to raise up future church leaders in our midst, by bringing on 3-4 interns for 3-4 years. They will get extensive exposure and a holistic understanding of church ministry. Upon completion, they will receive a Masters Degree from RTS Charlotte.

3. LAY LEADERS

We want to be intentional to develop current and future leaders who will serve vocationally outside and inside the church, specifically those who are called to minister in their workplace, neighborhoods, and hobbies. We will train lay leaders and equip them to grow in maturity in Christ, and to live on mission for God's Kingdom.

TOTAL
COST

|\$600,000

A CHURCH THAT

PLANTS CHURCHES

We plan to plant churches both locally and globally in the next two to five years. Planting churches will allow us to partner with them as they become communities that seek to proclaim Christ in word and deed, and it will let us work with them to see spiritual, social and cultural renewal in the place God plants them.



20% ALLOCATION

Goals

1. CHURCH PLANTERS

We are looking to bring a church planter onto our staff within the next year to begin the process of establishing our first church plant.

2. PLANT LOCALLY

We hope to plant two local churches within Durham over the next 2-5 years.

3. PLANT GLOBALLY

Beyond local planting, we hope to partner with churches abroad to help them plant indigenously led churches.

TOTAL
COST

\$400,000

A CHURCH THAT

SEEKS MERCY & JUSTICE

As a church, we are passionate in seeking peace and prosperity for Durham. To do that, we believe God called us to invest in and provide resources to four main areas: affordable housing, education, adoption and foster care, and the Hispanic community.

Through **BECOME**, we hope to bolster our existing investments in those areas, as well as to position ourselves to add an additional avenue in the near future. Our hope is that by raising more money, we can better address areas of brokenness we see in our city to help all of Durham flourish.



10% ALLOCATION

Goals

1. HOUSING AND EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Through the **BECOME** Initiative, we want to expand our current Housing and Education ministries, giving more opportunities for our church to be the hands and feet of the kingdom in Durham, loving and serving our community in practical ways.

2. FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION

By providing practical resources and strong community support, we hope to love and support families and children of foster care and adoption.

3. DURHAM'S HISPANIC COMMUNITY

We desire to continue fostering a robust ministry to serve the Hispanic community in our city, with the hopes of offering ESL courses for free to the community.

4. INCREASE COMMUNITY SUPPORT

With increased resources, we are seeking to come alongside a larger number in our community who are in need, supporting them financially and emotionally.

TOTAL
COST

|\$200,000

A CHURCH THAT

PERMANENTLY IN THE CITY

Stability in the heart of Durham is crucial if we want to build a home for years to come. We want Christ Central Church to be a beacon of the Gospel in the city long after we are gone, and the **BECOME** Initiative will allow us to have a permanent presence.

This can be realized by purchasing a property or signing a long-term lease. The real estate climate in Durham is competitive, and we aren't sure what opportunities the Lord will present. But we want to be in a position to secure a home if it becomes available. Your generosity allows us to prepare to make the move when the time is right.



40% ALLOCATION

Goals

1. LONG-TERM LEASE

Currently, we have a lease at Hayti Community Center. We could very well remain at Hayti with a long-term lease, or we may need to find another rental space in another part of downtown.

2. PURCHASE A BUILDING

It may come to pass that we need to purchase a building. As real estate this size is hard to come by, we need to be prepared.

TOTAL
COST

|\$800,000

The **BECOME** Initiative is a two-year drive to raise a total of \$5 million (including our normal annual budget), which will support God's work through our church in Durham. It is a step of faith that moves us closer toward becoming what He is creating us to be, and it is a pledge to see our city become more like heaven.

Thoughts on how God will provide and we are in faith that God will meet us in our desire to step into what he is calling us to become.

Generosity isn't only about giving money, or about how much you give. It's about giving prayerfully and thoughtfully from the gifts God has given you—from your time, talent and money. Pray about how God wants you to participate with what he has provided for you. It's more than how much you can give. Think about how you can commit with a heart of generosity.







HOW YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE



Pray

We pray because we believe God listens and responds. You can contribute by praying God would provide a the funds needed so that we can continue seeking his glory and **BECOME** what he is calling us to in this city. Be sure to grab our **BECOME** Scripture Cards to use as a resource in prayer.



Share

We want to continue to rely on God for our provision, direction, and calling. And we want to give Him glory in all the ways he provides and cares for us. You can contribute by sharing moments of God's faithfulness in your life with others in the church, as well as with your neighbors and friends in the community. Make sure to get your **BECOME** shirt!



Give

We can only **BECOME** what God is creating us to be with your help. We pray you would give generously of your time, of your talents and of your finances to help us become the church we seek to be. Commitment cards will be available, and you can also donate online at christcentraldurham.com/BECOME.



CHRIST CENTRAL CHURCH

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