



CHRIST CENTRAL CHURCH

BECOME

UPDATE 2021

DEAR CHRIST CENTRAL,

In November of 2019, we launched our Become Initiative. Feels like a long time ago, doesn't it? Much has happened in our lives, in our country, and our world since then. Many of you were a part of Christ Central when we launched Become, but I also realize many of you were not a part of Christ Central. Whether you've joined us during the pandemic, or before, we are glad you're here.

When we started Become, we did so believing that over the next three to five years God would move us out of the phase of being a young church plant into more of an established church in Durham. Our prayer is that God would continue His gracious work of forming and shaping us to be His people in Durha; that we would become a faithful church in this city that continues to minister to Durham long after all of us have passed into glory.

I am so thankful for all of you, and I am hopeful as we near the end of the giving portion of our Become Initiative. God is at work, and He who began this church will make us become who He wants us to be in this city for the glory of God and the good of Durham.

There are just a few months of giving remaining in our Become Initiative. I want to invite all of you to participate. If you have participated, would you consider helping us finish strong? If you are new, would you consider praying, serving, or giving to Become?

Grace and Peace

Rev. Daniel Mason

## LONG-TERM HOME

In 2020 we signed a 15-year lease at Durham Nativity School. In the summer of 2021, we completed renovations on our new long-term home. Our new space offers us office spaces, children's classrooms, an updated sanctuary for worship, and additional meeting spaces. We are also excited about partnering more deeply with Durham Nativity School. Our hope is that we might help them see their vision and mission come to fruition.

Your generous giving to Become enabled us to pay cash for the renovations in our new space. This enables us to pay lower rent, carry no debt, and therefore save significantly year over year.

We will also terminate the lease for our previous office space at Golden Belt. This will allow us to save significantly. For the next 15 years, we will save \$140,000 per year on facilities against what we had spent for the past three years. In five to seven years, we will recoup all of our expenses on renovations, and will still be saving significantly year over year. Our new space gives us room to continue to grow as a church.

Most churches of our size spend around 30% of their budget each year on facility costs. Once our lease at Golden Belt is terminated, we will be spending around 5% of our budget on facility costs. This is remarkable and a gift from the Lord that will equip us to accomplish our mission as a church.

We have spent all 35% allotted to long-term home from our Become Initiative and some from our reserves on upgrading our new space. In total, we have spent \$1.2M on all renovations to our space at Durham Nativity School.

## CHURCH PLANTING

Our heart is to plant churches for the glory of God. We deeply believe that church planting is one of the best ways to see people reached with the gospel and people disciplined and formed. We hope to plant churches as outposts of God's kingdom in Durham and beyond.

During the summer of 2020, Didi Wong moved to Durham with his family and began working with Christ Central in August of 2020. The Wongs have been sent out and have embarked on planting Missio Church in South Durham. If you'd like to learn more about this process check out our Vision and Priorities booklet.

We have spent \$180,000, close to 50% of the Become Initiative for church planting so far. We hope to plant another church in Durham in the next few years as well as partner with two global church plants.

## LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

At Christ Central, we hope to be a church that God uses to raise up leaders. We allotted 25% to Leadership Development as a part of our Become Initiative. We have not spent any money yet, as other Become focuses have developed more quickly. Over the next year, we plan to develop an intern program, recruit interns, and begin the hiring process. Our focus, though not solely, is to raise up minority leaders. We hope that interns would be working full-time at Christ Central while getting their M.Div from seminary or divinity school at the same time. They can either be sent out from our church or stay at Christ Central if there is a mutual calling and they feel called to do so at the conclusion of their internship.

## MERCY AND JUSTICE

We have spent just under 40% of the allocated \$400,000 towards mercy and justice as a part of Become.

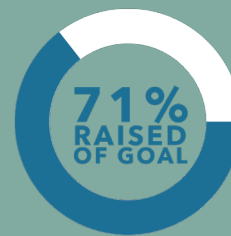
Over the next year we will prioritize Community Development in order to engage with Mercy and Justice by blessing the marginalized through Repair, Educational Partnership Outreach, and Adoption and Foster Care Ministry.

We hope to be a blessing to those marginalized and in need in our city. We hope that as a church we will have a far more robust understanding of how we are engaging in mercy and justice and how everyone can be involved. It is our hope and prayer that as we abide in Christ and experience his love and mercy towards us, that his love would motivate us to do just that- to carry the love of Christ outside these four walls to places and people in our city that desperately need to experience it.

## HOW TO GIVE

As we close out our two years of giving to the Become Initiative, we still need to raise an additional \$1.6 million to meet our goal and serve the kingdom our city. Would you consider giving to Become?

To give, scan the QR code and fill out a commitment card. We'll be in touch about how you can give to Become and help us accomplish our vision of being an established church in Durham, for Durham.



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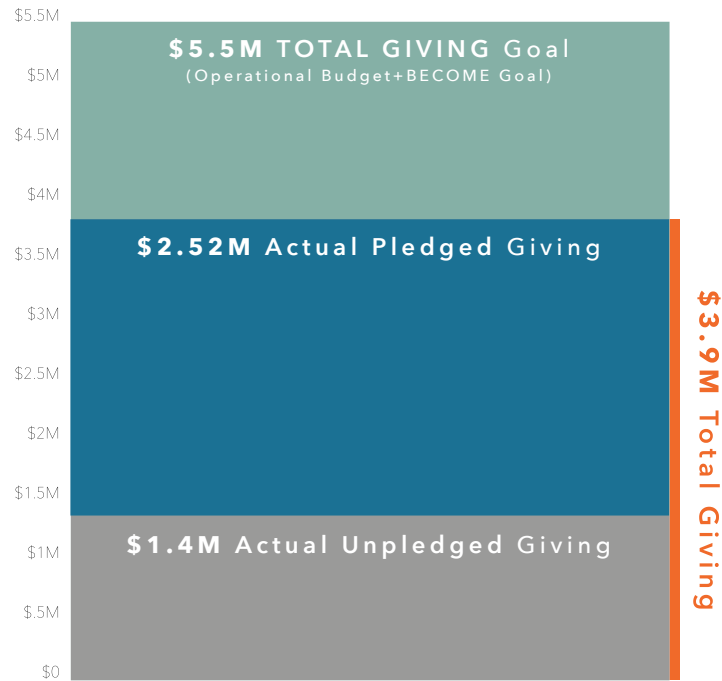


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# FINANCIAL UPDATE

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## BECOME SPENDING SO FAR

