



Trinity Capital Campaign Case Statement

Trinity United Methodist Church has been a hub of activity and a beacon of hope since it was founded in 1874. Thanks to a bold decision by the TUMC congregation in 1927, we are blessed with a beautiful, historic building in the heart of Wilmette.

We desire to grow our church and invite *all* people to experience the hope and love of Jesus Christ. Whether they come through the doors of our church for worship, music programs, faith formation, the nursery school, the Wilmette Food Pantry, or any one of the myriad of charitable organizations that make their home and conduct their good work in our building, we want to make people feel welcome, accepted for who they are, and at home.

Because our building hosts many people each week for a wide variety of activities, we desire to maintain a welcoming, accessible and safe space. Our current reality is that the church and parsonage are in need of some significant upgrades and repairs in order to ensure they meet building codes, provide for the safety of those in the building, and serve the needs of today's ministries. There is an urgent need to repair the roof and masonry as well as to comply with new fire codes. We cannot afford to defer repairs any longer, and without code compliance we risk losing the nursery school.

Maintenance of Physical Facilities of Church Properties \$607,000

Make exterior repairs to church (gutters, roof slate, complete drain tile work), upgrade the Parish House (renovate parlor kitchen, refinish terrazzo flooring & repair stairs, repair cloister walkway), and repair and upgrade the parsonage.

Sanctuary Repairs and Improvements \$325,000

Repair water-damaged wall in the chancel of the East Sanctuary, upgrade the sound system in the sanctuary, and replace the air conditioning in the Sanctuary.

Trinity Church Nursery School \$200,000

Invest in safety and security upgrades necessary to comply with state and local building codes and to maintain continuing appeal to prospective families.

Our current building was consecrated in 1928, and its presence was a statement of faith during very uncertain times. Now, ninety years later, we are poised to make Trinity UMC an even more vibrant center of ministry to our community and the world. We want to preserve our historic building, honoring those who came before us, and ensuring that it will be a sacred space for future generations.