



## Information for Employer Matching & Corporate Giving Programs

February 2025

### About North United Methodist Church, Inc.

- North United Methodist Church, Inc. is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization
- Employer Identification Number (EIN): 26-3385462
- Address: 3808 North Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46208-4067
- Contact: Nancy Ricketts, Business Administrator, 317.924.2612 (work), [nricketts@northchurchindy.com](mailto:nricketts@northchurchindy.com)
- Community Impact Summary (2024): found on pages 3-4.
- A wide array of non-profits and community members are hosted on-site, e.g., Mid-North Shepherd's Center (senior citizen programs), 40 West Digital (the MLK Center's video production and drone training programs), and Richard E. and Anna Lee Hamilton Series on Theology & Contemporary Issues (nationally renowned scholars and artists).
- North Church outreach services are open to all, regardless of beliefs.

### North Church Sacred Places Challenge overview (building improvement fund)

- The North Church Sacred Places Challenge is a dedicated fund established for building improvements. Donations are reserved for eligible projects and may not be used for general operating expenses or ministry programs.
- For 2025, the Board of Directors has approved \$500,000 in masonry repairs to historic sections of the building, including the sanctuary.
- A grant from the Sacred Places Indiana Fund covers half the cost of the 2025 project, providing a 1:1 match for funds raised by North Church (up to \$250,000). The grant is part of a new Indiana Landmarks program funded by Lilly Endowment to support capital improvements at historic places of worship.
- Repairs are scheduled to be completed by early Fall 2025. Contributions are requested by September 1, 2025.
- To learn more, visit <https://northchurchindy.com/sacred-places/>

### Employer matching & corporate gifts

- Employer matching and corporate donations to the North Church Sacred Places Challenge are eligible for matching funds provided by the Indiana Landmarks' Sacred Places Indiana Fund (up to \$250,000 is available).
- Employer matching contributions should be made payable to North UMC. Please also write "Sacred Places Challenge, employer match" and the employee's name on the memo line or include that information on a cover sheet.
- To make a corporate or foundation gift, please complete the pledge sheet on page 2.
- Donors will receive a written acknowledgment for tax purposes in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Donors are recognized in compliance with their preferences and legal requirements. Unless otherwise requested in writing, donor names are listed in the North Church Sacred Places Challenge Donor Recognition report. Donation amounts are not included in the report.
- Questions on submitting a gift or making a pledge? Please reach out to Nancy Ricketts (contact information provided above).



# Corporate & Foundation Pledge Form North Church Sacred Places Challenge

This pledge supports the North Church Sacred Places Challenge, a dedicated fund established for building improvements at North United Methodist Church (UMC). Donations currently benefit from a 1:1 time-bound matching grant of up to \$250,000 awarded by the Sacred Places Indiana Fund (an Indiana Landmarks program funded by Lilly Endowment). Once the match is secured, funds will be used for additional building improvement priorities. Stewardship of building needs is a vital requirement for economic stability and continued community impact. Your support is greatly appreciated.

## Pledge information

We commit \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the Sacred Places Challenge and will complete our commitment by September 1, 2025. This pledge is in addition to employee donations and employee-matching funds provided.

**Company / Foundation** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Person** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone / Email** \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

## Payment schedule

We will complete this commitment (select one):

- By one-time check, payable to North UMC, with “Sacred Places Challenge” in the memo line.
- In \_\_\_\_\_ (#) installments of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ over the next \_\_\_\_\_ months.
- By transfer of stock to North UMC.

## Submitting pledges

1. Mail the pledge form to Nancy Ricketts, Business Administrator, North UMC, 3808 North Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46208-4067;
2. Fax your pledge to Nancy Ricketts at 317.924.5161; or
3. Scan and email the pledge form to Nancy Ricketts at nricketts@northchurchindy.com.

*To discuss other ways to donate to the Sacred Places Challenge, including multi-year and in-kind gifts, please reach out to Senior Pastor Darren Cushman Wood (dcushwood@northchurchindy.com) or to Task Force Chair Grafton Day (gaffstrategicfundraising@gmail.com).*

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# Community Impact Summary

Faith in Action, By the Numbers (2024)

**North Church is a historically significant urban church, with a thriving, involved congregation**

- ❖ Located at 38<sup>th</sup> & Meridian St., the intersection of three unique Indianapolis neighborhoods
  - ❖ Committed to inclusion, social justice & sustainability
- ❖ Impactful community programs, open to all regardless of belief
- ❖ Forum for nationally renowned thought leaders & artists

## Faith & Engagement



### Vibrant music, worship, Christian education

**45,000 attendance in 2024**  
38,000 in-person events | 14,000 for in-person worship | 7,800 broadcast views |  
Weekday ministries & partner events  
**30 classes, study circles, groups**



### Nationally renowned scholars & artists

Host of the Richard E. and Anna Lee Hamilton Series on Theology & Contemporary Issues  
Scholars and discussion forums  
Guest composers & musicians  
Commissioned sacred music



### Social justice & civic engagement

**4 action teams**  
Advocacy workshops  
Expert guests  
Discussion forums



### Diverse & inclusive people of faith

Groups for youth, young adult, women, & LGBTQIA+ people of faith  
**35,000 reached at Pride Festival**  
Inclusive & diverse clergy and staff  
Current staff: 50% women | 24% senior citizens | 18% identify as LGBTQIA+ | 12% racial / ethnic diversity

## Community Outreach



### Food security outreach & partnerships

**16,000 Bread & Bowl meals**  
**1,200 Farmers Market visitors**  
**360 dozen free eggs**  
**4,000 volunteer hours**  
**\$310,000 value (meals, collections & in-kind service)**  
Hosting the MLK Center Food Rescue program



### Housing, health & school initiatives

Emergency assistance & disaster relief  
**14 free legal aid, fair housing & health fairs, incl. HIV/AIDS resource fairs, CPR training & more**  
**UMOJA (Kenya) schools**  
Support for local children & school programs, including the MLK Center, Coburn Place, and sheltered work experience for IPS special needs kids  
**\$33,000 value (collections & in-kind service)**

# Community Impact Summary: 2024

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## Host for Non-Profit Organizations



Host of Mid-North Shepherd's Center, a non-profit that fosters the social, mental & physical well-being of senior citizens

2,800 annual attendance

Enrichment activities, music, weekly lunch programs

Transportation services

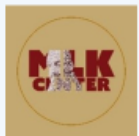


Host of 40 West Digital, the MLK Center's video & film production, drone certification program

In a typical year, 100 young people gain commercially viable skills

\$240,000 in direct benefits provided to participants

## Community service partner organizations



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