



NORTH CHURCH
**SACRED
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CHALLENGE

Rising to the Challenge: Why We Give

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North United Methodist Church (UMC) has been awarded a [matching grant from the Sacred Places Indiana Fund](#), part of an Indiana Landmarks program funded by Lilly Endowment. A \$500,000 masonry project has been approved by our Board of Directors, and the Sacred Places Indiana Fund will cover half the cost (up to \$250,000). Join the generous donors below and help us secure our share of the match by [submitting your pledge](#) today. Learn more at northchurchindy.com/sacred-places.

Tom Emmett

I arrived in Indianapolis in the late 1970s, and shortly thereafter began looking for a new church home. I was immediately drawn to the magnificent structure of North Church even before attending any services. After being welcomed by many wonderful pew-mates and understanding the many programs and services offered by North, the decision to stay and become involved was very easy.

Over the years there have been many arrivals and departures, but the church still stands as a testament to God's love and providence. As with any home, maintenance needs arise that can sometimes be predicted and sometimes not. Some are easy to notice, but others are harder to spot. However, our church trustees and the Sacred Places Challenge task force have developed a comprehensive plan that identifies the needed repairs, and they now need our help to ensure we have the resources available for preserving our beautiful building into the future.

I am fortunate to be able to make a contribution of \$25,000 toward the Indiana Landmarks matching grant and encourage others to consider any amount that fits into their budget or estate plan.

Message from a North Family

Friends, we joined North over 15 years ago, impressed by its many ministries, especially those that support our neighborhood and larger community. We made the right decision then and believe it to have been so even more now.

While we support North through our gifts to the annual Stewardship campaign and have included the church in our estate plans, we also recognize there are needs that cannot wait and opportunities that should not be ignored. Our Sanctuary is nearly a century old while our Education Wing is approaching 75. They serve us well, but they need regular attention to continue to do so. Through a matching grant made available through Indiana Landmark's Sacred Places historic preservation initiative, North can address the decidedly boring yet absolutely essential work of performing masonry repairs that will halt water infiltration damaging both structures. The work cannot wait, and the opportunity made available through the matching grant should not be ignored.

For this reason, we have decided to make a gift of \$25,000 now in support of the initiative and hope others will join us by making a significant gift as well (and as their circumstances permit).

Let's not miss this opportunity. North needs us.