

Vision Accomplished FAQs

What is the purpose of *Vision Accomplished*?

Vision Accomplished is the name of a fund-raising effort to enable our church to fully retire its debt on the Duncan-Giersch Parish Life Center (PLC) in 2024. This campaign is the culmination of the 2002 **Shepherd's Vision** plan build a facility capable of meeting our needs for the 21st Century. The donations received during this effort will be used solely for that purpose.

Why is it so important to retire the debt on the PLC?

We spend more than \$200,000 each year to pay our mortgage obligations on the PLC. Money spent paying off this debt is not available to support other vital church expenses, including our operational needs, missions and outreach. Imagine all that we can accomplish as a parish when this annual financial burden is finally eliminated!

What is the financial goal of *Vision Accomplished*?

Our goal is to raise \$150,000 in donations.

Why set the financial target at \$150,000 when our annual debt is over \$200,000?

Five previous fundraising campaigns, along with other contributions managed by The Good Shepherd Endowment Trust, have brought us close to fulfilling our debt obligation. We believe \$150,000 will be enough – along with other funds from the Trust – to make this happen in 2024. We thought \$150,000 was appropriate, considering it is also our 150th anniversary!

What happens if you raise more than \$150,000?

That would be wonderful! Any amount over our target will be applied to debt retirement and would lessen the need for additional funds from the Trust.

What is the Church of the Good Shepherd Endowment Trust?

In 1993, the vestry approved a plan to establish a permanent endowment fund to support our various ministries. The Church of the Good Shepherd Endowment Trust is responsible for receiving, investing, reinvesting and administering funds that have been given to the church. This includes gifts from estates, stock transfers, and other donations.

How do I make a financial contribution?

You can make a pledge by filling in a commitment card, which can be found in the Parish Life Center lobby and in the Narthex (the front of the church), or by going to the parish website. Here you can either print a card or contribute directly online. Cards brought to the office can be placed in an envelope and addressed to **David Baggett** (Parish Administrator).

Are there other ways to contribute to *Vision Accomplished*?

Many contributors use a variety of ways to make larger gifts than they could comfortably give and potentially enjoy greater tax benefits. If you are interested in giving stocks, bonds, mutual

funds, cd's, insurance policies, or making gifts from a retirement account such as an IRA or 401k, please so indicate on the pledge card, or contact **Duke Fentress** (919-215-8256).

How long will this campaign run and how do I make my contribution?

The pledging period ends on **May 31, 2024**. Your pledge may be paid as a lump sum, or in weekly, monthly or annual installments anytime between now and **December 31, 2024**.

Does *Vision Accomplished* replace our annual Stewardship giving?

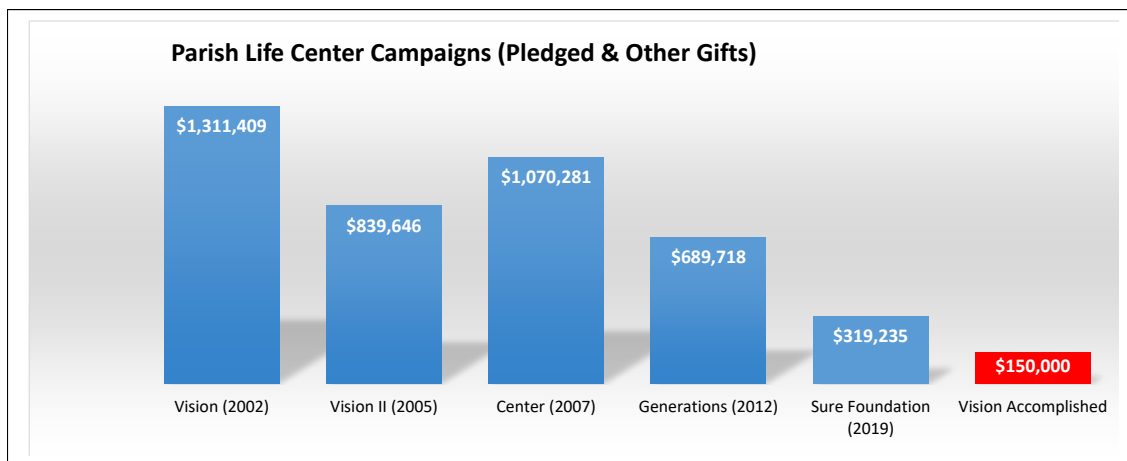
No. Donations to this campaign are in addition to our regular annual stewardship pledge. We know this is asking a lot from our congregation, but we are confident that our members will step up when called upon – just as they have done for other campaigns over our long history.

How should I designate my contribution to this effort?

Please write “Vision Accomplished” on all payments to distinguish it from your normal pledge.

Our church has held many campaigns. Is this the last one or should we expect more?

This is our 6th and final campaign to fully pay for the PLC. It is also the smallest (see below).



The best way to avoid future campaigns is to grow our membership and build up our financial resources. Our vestry has operated a balanced budget for 5 straight years. Retiring our debt to the PLC can only help to improve our mission and outreach. That’s a win-win!

Why are you optimistic about the future of the Church of the Good Shepherd?

Our church is in the heart of downtown Raleigh, which continues to grow as more people elect to live in an urban environment. We plan to continue being a welcoming community inspired by our Savior, Jesus Christ, a vision that has epitomized Good Shepherd since its inception. We are excited about the great things happening here, and in the opportunities to come.