

Join the Journey

• *Celebrating the Next Century of Hope*



HOPE  SEATTLE
LCMS



May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

- *Romans 15:13*

Jesus, undeterred, went right ahead and gave his charge: "God authorized and commanded me to commission you: Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I'll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age.

- *Matthew 28:18-20*

He gives you something you can then give away...producing great praise to God!

- *1 Corinthians 9:11*

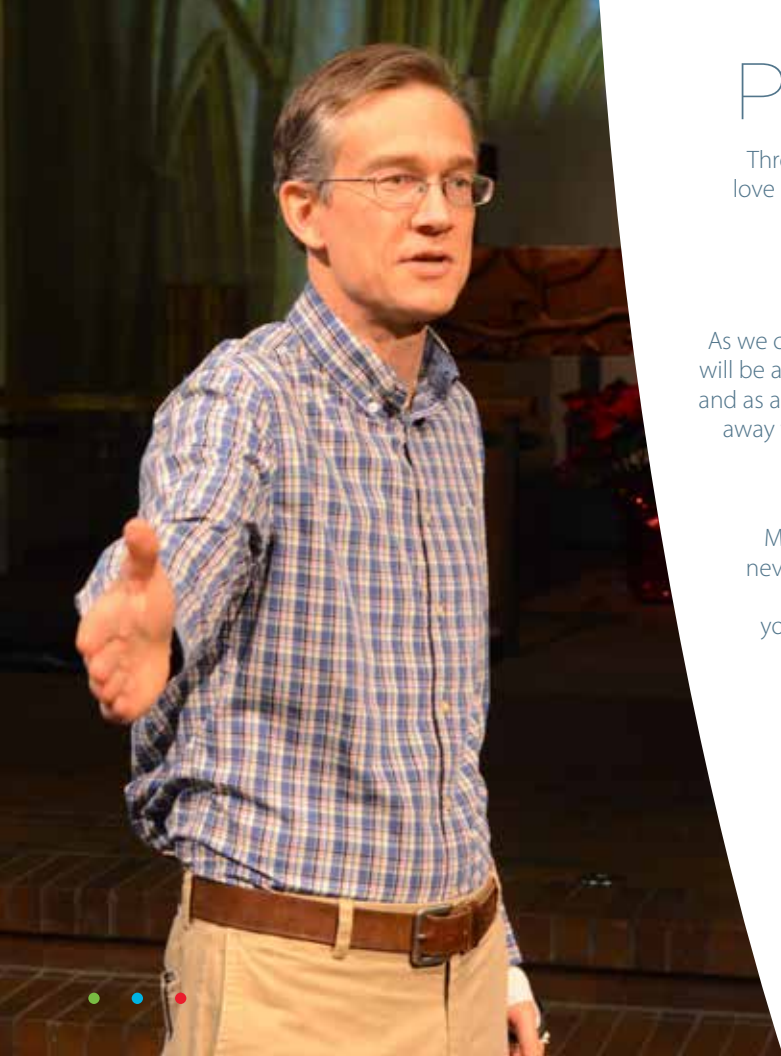




Our Mission:

Engaging the disinterested to walk in the Hope of Jesus.





Peter Mueller, Senior Pastor

Throughout the Bible, God blesses His people out of His enduring and faithful love so that His people might also be and bring blessings to the people in their world. Paul affirms this dynamic in his first letter to the church in Corinth:

"He gives you something you can then give away...producing great praise to God!" - 1 Corinthians 9:11

As we celebrate Hope's 100th anniversary in 2018, our next season of life together will be a time of joyful celebration of what God has given to each of us individually and as a ministry - and it will also be a time when we bring praise to God by giving away what He's given to us! As we do, we will take important next steps towards increasingly engaging the disinterested and walking in the Hope of Jesus.

We are calling this two year initiative *Join the Journey*.

My hope and prayer is that *Join the Journey* will light a fire in our church like never before. I challenge you to prayerfully consider how you might take bold next steps of faith in living our mission in this next season. Will you devote yourself to more regular study of God's word and prayer? Will you make time to be part of a small group? Will you commit to praying for and engaging a non-Christian friend? Will you follow God's prompting to engage in higher levels of generosity? I hope that all of us will challenge ourselves to step up for the kingdom.

I am regularly reminded of the incredible work God does through the people of Hope. God is at work in this congregation, changing lives, and expanding his kingdom. Imagine how amazing it would be if we could significantly expand His work in and through us in this next season? Let's *Join the Journey* together!

In His Strength and Peace,
Pastor Peter



Blessed to be a Blessing

High school International Mission Trip



Middle school regular group gatherings



Provided overnight housing for **28** people for **3 weeks**

733 pounds of food donated for hungry people

179

students at
Hope school
in 2011

218

students
enrolled
in 2017

175

volunteers

assembled 20 school
kits for kids in Pakistan,
Syria, Guatemala,
and Peru

13

people
baptized
in 2017

Living
Water

2013-2017

clean water
wells funded for
10 communities
and 6300 people
on 3 continents
over \$50,000

Human Care
Ministries

382

volunteers
in 2017

142
adults

participated
in 15 linkHOPE
groups in
2016-2017

Giving
Tree
2017

463 gift recipients,
2315 gifts given,
90 volunteer,
354 volunteer hours,
189 donors





What is *Join the Journey?*

Over the next two years, Hope is embarking on a journey ... a time in which we expand our work of sharing God's gifts, His hope, and His love.

Join the Journey recognizes that God has blessed Hope in so many ways ... and at the same time, God has worked through us to bless others.

In this next season, we hope to expand personal and church-wide generosity, multiply ministry expansion, reach farther in local and global missions, and accelerate freedom from debt.



JOIN THE JOURNEY IS ABOUT TAKING
BOLD STEPS OF FAITH AS WE WALK WITH
JESUS INTO THE NEXT CENTURY.





WE WORSHIP A GENEROUS GOD, A GOD
WHO DID NOT SPARE HIS ONLY SON,
BUT GAVE HIM UP FOR US ALL.
(ROMANS 8:32)



As our lives are formed to become more like Jesus, our hearts will increasingly reflect the generous heart of God, and we will learn to manage God's gifts the way He would manage them – with love and compassion and great generosity.

Your generous giving over the next two years will not only support the ministries and staff of Hope, but it will expand our potential to glorify God and make disciples.



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Joining the Journey of the Ministries of Hope

Everything that happens at Hope is organized around our strategy of:



FULLY FUNDING THESE EXISTING MINISTRIES WILL COST AN ESTIMATED **\$1.4 MILLION** OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS.





ONGOING INVESTMENTS: \$1.4 Million

Continuing to manage the existing ministries of Hope for the sake of God's kingdom. This includes our worship, youth and children's, groups and retreats, human care and school ministries among others. This work impacts hundreds of people of all ages throughout the week at various points along their spiritual journey. These ongoing investments make it possible for these ministries to thrive in the short term and prepare to take next steps of growth into the future God is calling us towards.



NEW INVESTMENTS: \$1.22 MILLION



Join the Journey: **ELEVATION** - \$430,000



Join the Journey: **CONNECTION** - \$380,000



Join the Journey: **EXPEDITION** - \$410,000





Join the Journey: ELEVATION - \$430,000

CARING FOR OUR STAFF AND CAMPUS: \$193,000

Support and resource Hope's staff and faculty through LCMS Northwest District salary parity, continuing education, strengthening curriculum, and campus counseling. This category also occurs under Connection and Expedition because these investments impact all three areas of Elevation, Connection, and Expedition.

WORSHIP ENHANCEMENTS: \$117,000

Leading people in life-changing gatherings of worship through a redesigned platform/chancel, repairing musical equipment and the organ, live-streaming for those unable to attend, guest musicians and preachers, and energy efficient lighting.

GREATER DEBT FREEDOM: \$120,000

Speed up the time to eliminate our debt by increasing payments by 50% annually.

Inviting people into a deeper relationship with Jesus.







Join the Journey: CONNECTION - \$380,000

CARING FOR OUR STAFF AND CAMPUS: \$193,000

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ENHANCING SPIRITUAL CARE & CONNECTIONS: \$114,000

Expand participation and involvement through the addition of part-time, staff hours to coordinate linkHOPE small groups and renewHOPE retreats and special events; Provide greater spiritual care through part-time staff hours for visitation and counseling.

SPACE THAT ENCOURAGES JESUS-CENTERED FRIENDSHIP: \$73,000

Open Commons as part-time non-profit coffee shop/book store/music venue to better utilize space to encourage the building of Jesus-centered friendships for people at Hope and in the larger community.

Connecting people in authentic and life-giving friendship.



Join the Journey: EXPEDITION - \$410,000

CARING FOR OUR STAFF AND CAMPUS: \$193,000

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SHARING HOPE LOCALLY: \$137,000

Expand our support of local mission partners including Human Care Ministries, Mary's Place, R.E.S.T. (Real Escape from the Sex Trade), and Union Gospel Mission. Equip more people to serve through part-time staff hours to connect volunteers to service opportunities.

SHARING HOPE GLOBALLY: \$80,000

Expand our support of global mission partners including the Northwest District of the LCMS, Friends of Literacy and Ensenada Christian Ministries in Mexico, and Living Water International. Equip more people to serve globally through part-time staff hours to coordinate mission trips.

Serving the spiritual and physical needs of people across the street and around the world.



One Fund

In order to more effectively accomplish our goals, we will be focusing all of our generosity into One Fund. Instead of asking you to give to the operating budget, the building fund, or to various mission offerings, we will include all giving in a single fund that will resource all of our ministries, work toward freedom from debt, and expand our mission efforts.



To make *Join the Journey* a reality, the people of Hope will be challenged to contribute in a way that is rare and significant. While faithful giving can meet a church's usual needs, sacrificial giving is needed for an effort as bold and broad as *Join the Journey*. We invite you to prayerfully consider ways you may be able to sacrifice and give toward *Join the Journey*, and then make a comprehensive two-year pledge of your total generosity, which will include all of your giving (general operations, missions, mortgage reduction), as well as your expanded generosity for *Join the Journey*.

Whether your commitment means starting to give, continuing to give, or increasing your giving, we want you to remember one thing: **Join the Journey** is not about what Hope wants from you; it's about what Hope wants *for* you. We believe generosity will change our hearts and align our lives with the greatest Giver of all.



PRAY that God would use *Join the Journey* to bless the lives of the disinterested, the hurting, and the broken.

SHARE YOUR STORY of how God has touched your life through the ministries of Hope.

JOIN a small group and discover life together with others.

PRAY for God's wisdom and direction as you consider making a commitment to *Join the Journey*, God's mission through Hope.

My Generosity Journey



First Time

I have only just begun to give.



Occasional

I give but not consistently.



Intentional

I am choosing an amount and giving at least once a month.



Priority

I give consistently and generously in way that impacts my lifestyle.



Boundless

I am depending on God's provision, asking not "How much I should give?" but "How much should I keep?"



Responding to God's call to a generous life, I (we) commit to the best of my (our) ability to take the next step to a more generous lifestyle through Join the Journey.





Please join us for
commitment Sunday,
February 11th, 2018,
as we celebrate
our collective
commitments to
God's work through
Hope Seattle.

My join the journey generosity

\$ _____ What I normally give in a year
(General Fund, Mission, Debt, Special Gifts)

+ \$ _____ My Expanded generosity

= \$ _____ X 2 years = \$ _____

+ \$ _____

=

Gifts from my stored resources
(Stocks, savings, real estate, etc.)

MY TWO-YEAR COMMITMENT

\$ _____



Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____



FAQs

Frequently Asked Questions

WHY ONE FUND?

The One Fund approach to ministry at Hope involves taking our existing general fund, mission fund, building fund, and other designated funds and combining them into a single budget plan. In our current designated giving emphasis, there are often significant imbalances. Designated giving also can lead to an unhealthy competition among ministries for visibility and contributor dollars. In contrast, One Fund is both unifying and clarifying, allowing us to focus on growing our people rather than raising money.



WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE MISSIONS PROJECTS WE FUND?

All of the mission projects that Hope has been engaged in will continue to be funded, along with the new efforts you read about on the previous pages. The difference is they will all be part of the larger One Fund budget rather than a separate ones. This includes local projects like our own Human Care Ministries as well as global projects like our missionaries in Mexico and Living Water International.



For more FAQs, go to hopeseattle.org and click on Join the Journey on the front page.



WHAT HAPPENS IF WE DON'T REACH OUR GOAL?

Each and every area to be funded will continue to be prayerfully considered by the leaders of Hope, including our Board of Directors, Pastor Peter, and other staff. We hope to reach this goal, despite the challenge it represents. If necessary, however, we can adjust expenditures based on priorities determined by the Hope leadership. Unless we fall well short of the goal, no initiative will be totally eliminated.



I WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT *JOIN THE JOURNEY*, BUT I'M FINANCIALLY UNABLE TO AT THIS TIME DUE TO OTHER FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS. IS THERE ANY OTHER WAY I CAN GET INVOLVED?

Do you have personal possessions you no longer use or need? Perhaps you may want to sell one or more of them and invest the proceeds into Join the Journey. You can also get involved by serving in one of Hope's ministries and praying for our Hope mission and for *Join the Journey*.



I WANT TO GIVE A PORTION OF MY STORED RESOURCES. WHOM SHOULD I CONTACT TO DISCUSS A GIFT OF STOCKS, INVESTMENTS, OR PROPERTY?

Contact Julia Doerr, Hope's Parish Administrator and she can offer some advice and direction. You can reach her at 206-937-930 or jdoerr@hopeseattle.org.





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