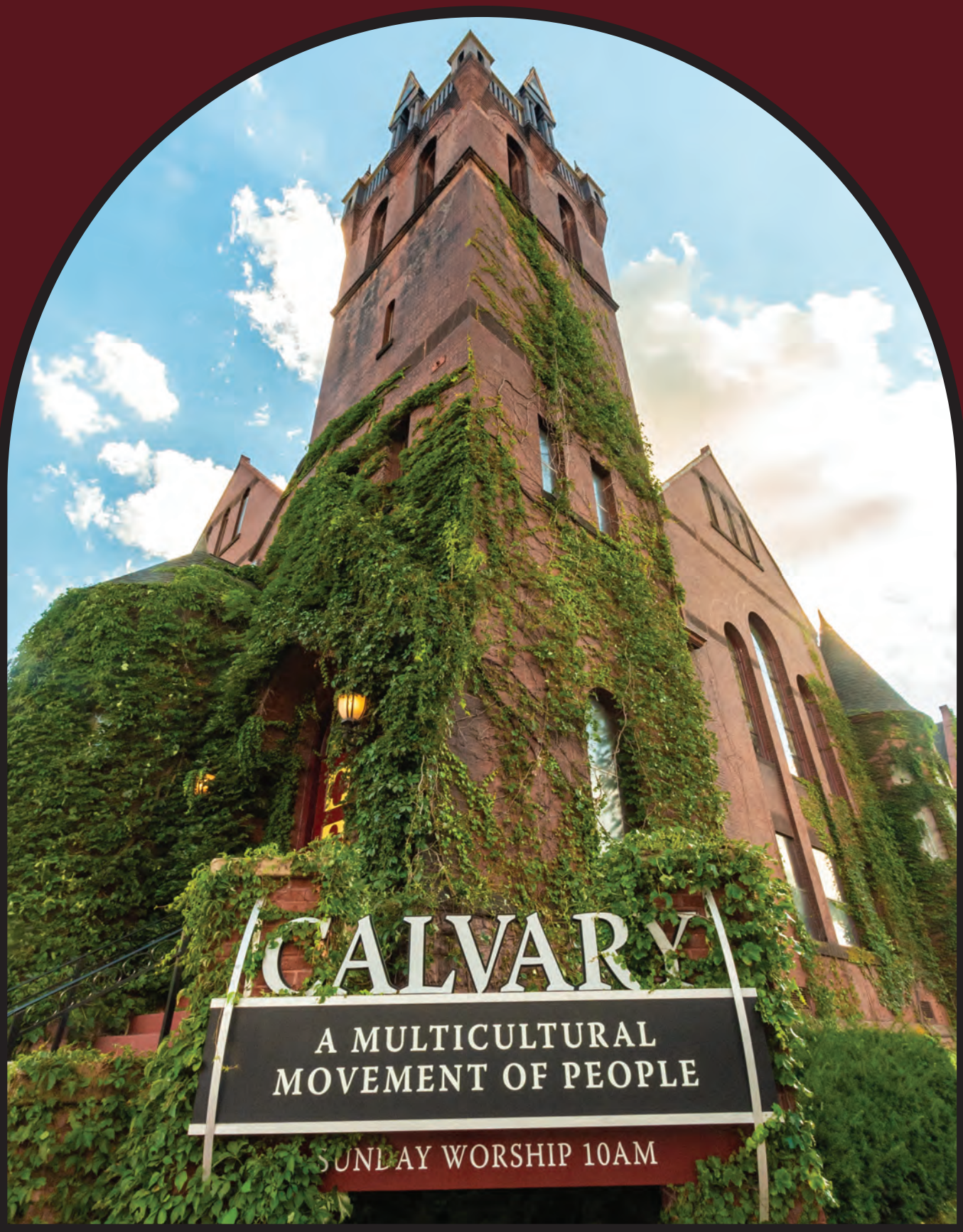


ROOTED • REACHING • RESTORING

A CAMPAIGN FOR CALVARY: BUILDING BEYOND 140 YEARS



ROOTED in one of Minneapolis's most diverse and most populous neighborhoods, Calvary Baptist Church houses a welcoming, thriving faith community where people take root, heal, learn and grow every day.

REACHING high above the Whittier skyline, the inspiring steeple atop Calvary's historic building is a sign of the church's enduring physical presence in the neighborhood and a symbol of hope and beauty to the community.

RESTORING the steeple and aging exterior of the building creates stability that allows Calvary's neighbors, partners and congregation to collaborate and celebrate all stages of life and flourish in the heart of Whittier for generations.



"This church belongs to our community, not the congregation. We are simply its stewards. It is a place for all ages to experience hope and healing. We stand on the shoulders of those who came before us, and we are creating new possibilities for those who come in the future."

- Pastor Jeff Cowmeadow



CALVARY'S ROOTS

In celebrating its 140th anniversary, Calvary acknowledges that what it achieves today is built on the shoulders of those who, in 1883, first envisioned an impactful and invitational ministry on the outskirts of Minneapolis. Founded upon a dream of helping neighborhood children, Calvary strives to be a multicultural movement that is committed to reciprocal relationships, discipleship and justice.

Calvary also takes this occasion to renew its intention to remain committed to and rooted in the Whittier neighborhood through physical

presence and symbolic statement, as both a vibrant Christian congregation and a beautiful building. In contrast with more than 70 Minneapolis and St. Paul churches which followed their members to the suburbs in the past century, Calvary's members have made an intentional decision to stay.

Designed by nationally-recognized architects Warren Hayes and Harry Wild Jones, the church's building is significant not only for its place on the National Register of Historic Places, but also for its pivotal role as a place of healing, celebration and honest inquiry.



CALVARY'S PEOPLE & VALUES

Calvary's mission is to honor God in all things, and its members seek to live out this mission each day in their home, work, and personal lives. The church's commitment to faith, justice and diversity is seen in the faces, hearts and actions of an active community of more than 350 adults and children, most of whom call Minneapolis home.

Calvary is a place that welcomes all, believing that every individual has something to give and to receive. For the past 35 years, Calvary has been led by Pastor Jeff Cowmeadow, who believes hospitality – the welcoming of the other – is the central call of scripture.



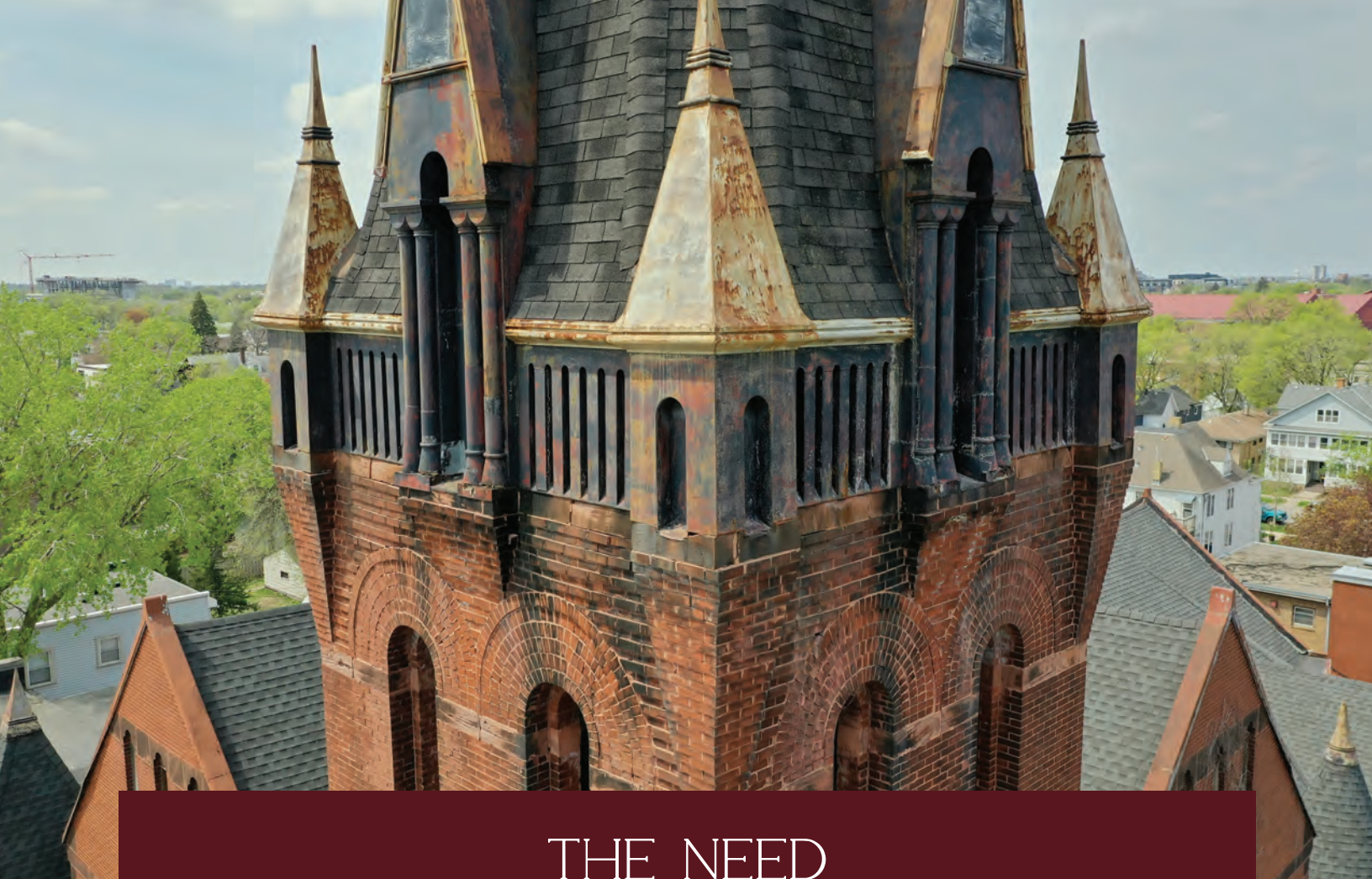


CALVARY'S REACH

Calvary's building is more than a home to a vibrant congregation—it is a hub of community partnership and service. Every week 400 people who are not a part of the congregation enter the doors of Calvary. Calvary's sacred space is an asset for small businesses, nonprofits and community groups to take root, create, cook, counsel, teach, learn and celebrate.

A SHARED COMMUNITY SPACE

- Whittier Wildflowers Preschool serves 60 children of many faiths and backgrounds with an affordable education.
- The STEP Program serves Whittier children and youth through weekly tutoring, mentoring and family support.
- Six licensed therapists office at Calvary and provide services to 200+ monthly.
- Narcotics Anonymous hosts meetings for 75 people every week.
- Calvary provides studio space for three artists and a venue for professional theater and concerts.
- A commercial kitchen is leased to BIPOC small business owners, providing space to improve processes, product and sales.
- Whittier Alliance uses the church for community meetings and celebrations, voter registration and education events.



THE NEED

Since 1990 Calvary has invested more than \$1.5 million in renovating the church interior, preserving historical sacred space and creating the opportunity to openly welcome neighbors and partners. With guidance from independent experts, Calvary has identified its current greatest facility need as exterior restoration, starting with the steeple, which has had limited maintenance since 1903 and poses the biggest risk to the church's future structural and financial stability. Each additional year steeple restoration is delayed, the cost increases 10% due to inflation and continued weather-related deterioration.

RESTORATION PLANS

A 4-month steeple restoration includes repointing of mortar joints, brick replacement, stone patching and replacing, sheet metal repair, and full masonry cleaning. New spotlights will not only emphasize the steeple's restored beauty, but also improve public safety on a currently dark corner.

Restoration of the steeple will begin in Summer 2024. If campaign giving exceeds the cost of the steeple restoration, Calvary will continue exterior restoration of the main sanctuary building in 2025-26.

SUPPORT THE FUTURE OF CALVARY

Calvary seeks to raise \$1 million by 2026 to complete the critical restoration to the steeple and the sanctuary exterior. Such a goal is outside the scope of Calvary's annual operating budget, which already supports ongoing maintenance and repairs.

The campaign is off to a strong start.

Calvary was selected from nearly 400 applicants to receive a \$200,000 grant from the National Fund for Sacred Places. This award celebrates Calvary's historic and cultural importance and its role in

strengthening communities. Combined with early pledges from leading donors, Calvary has made significant progress, but financial support from Calvary's congregation and the broader community is needed.

Please consider a gift to *A Campaign for Calvary: Building Beyond 140 Years* with a one-time or recurring gift for up to 3 years.

Every dollar received ensures physical and financial sustainability for Calvary's people and neighbors for several generations.



Architect's rendering of a fully-restored and illuminated steeple with lit sidewalks.

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LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT & COMMITMENTS

Calvary, located on sacred Dakota land, is heeding God's call to join our Indigenous neighbors in the work of healing and creating wholeness for all. We commit to repenting of our past, learning from the Dakota, truth telling about our history, paying financial reparations, building ongoing relationships, engaging in environmental justice, and advocating for tribal sovereignty. Join us in this work.

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