

CAMPAIGN FOR THE FOURTH CENTURY BRUTON PARISH CHURCH

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REPORT FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

By Marty Easton

Campaign Mission: The Campaign for the Fourth Century is designed by and for the people of Bruton Parish, that we may each give as we are able, and effectively support both the present and future church.

With that mission to guide us we are climbing steadily toward our goal of \$8,000,000, announced at the Evensong on September 27. As of that day, our progress was \$4,500,000. Now we have \$5,000,000 in hand or pledged and with your help we're going to reach the goal by December 31, 2016.

What's more -- and this is a recent development--the Campaign has met the criteria to enter into agreement with the pipe organ builder. But there is still more money to raise for the benefit of the new organ and associated interior work.

It has been a busy year. In January, an experienced advisor, Joe Gould, came on board to guide development of a campaign plan for Vestry approval. The committee composed three Campaign objectives and materials to articulate them, and began calling on one another and Vestry members. In those calls we explained the plan, shared early progress, and received commitments. With that momentum we began to reach out to a cross section of the parish.

Over the summer the committee prepared a presentation for the Bruton Parish Church Endowment Fund that was held on July 29. The committee deeply appreciates the resulting transformative commitment from the Endowment trustees totaling \$1,950,000--more than twice its usual giving for a two-year period.

In the fall, we planned for Annual Giving 2016. Increasing Annual Giving is a significant objective of the Campaign, with its own goal of \$1,725,000 for 2016. This is an increase of 28%, which we can achieve by increasing our pledges to the best of our ability. This is the area where we need substantial support. Please keep in mind November 22, the last Sunday of the church year, the date that all pledge cards received will be brought forward and blessed.

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While the committee's focus is presently on Annual Giving 2016, we will present the comprehensive Campaign in the coming months and invite everyone to participate in it. Pledges made for Annual Giving 2016 will count toward your total Campaign commitment.

Please read the printed materials and visit the Campaign page of the website: www.brutonparish.org/campaign. Any member of the committee will be glad to answer questions. I am excited about our progress and look forward to continued work in 2016 to achieve our goal.