

CAMPAIGN FOR THE FOURTH CENTURY

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About the Campaign

The Campaign for the Fourth Century has been 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.

Three objectives form the Campaign for the Fourth Century:

1. Increase the annual operating budget significantly, to levels that can support greater outreach to those in need and ongoing investment in the care and maintenance of the church and other buildings. This is a need identified eight or more years ago and now a priority of the Campaign. Added income will allow for 2016 budget additions of \$114,000 for Mission and Outreach and \$100,000 in a newly-created maintenance reserve fund. Goal: \$1,725,000 in 2016; \$1,750,000 in 2017.
2. A new congregational organ. In response to increasing failures of our current organ and professional recommendations, Bruton Parish retained Dobson Pipe Organ Builders, Ltd. of Lake City, Iowa to design a new organ for our space, to perpetuate and enhance spiritual life and music for parishioners and our community. Goal: \$1,880,000 for the organ and installation; \$320,000 for associated church interior work.
3. Grow the assets of The Bruton Parish Church Foundation. By means of the Campaign we wish to promote and enhance our planned giving program. As the assets of the Foundation grow, so too can annual disbursements supporting Bruton's mission and ministry. This objective looks to the future, with the aim of building an internal endowment parallel to the Bruton Parish Endowment Fund. Goal: \$2,200,000.

Additionally, a goal for Special Projects has been added to fulfill desires of members and incorporate the needlepoint kneeler project begun in 2013. Goal: \$125,000.

Beginnings

The mission and three objectives stated above came about from two years of self-study and professional advice from an independent consultant. From May-September 2015, the steering committee called on its own members, the vestry and a cross-section of the parish to receive feedback and ask for early commitments. At the service of Evensong for the 300th anniversary of the church building, we officially announced the Campaign:

From the steering committee, vestry and clergy, I have exciting news to add to this day of celebration. I'm delighted to announce that the goal of the Campaign will be \$8,000,000, and we are 55% of the way there with \$4,500,000 committed.

September 27, 2015

Campaign Steering Committee

Isabel Burch
Margaret Driscoll
Marty Easton, Chair
Chris Epperson, Rector
Stephanie King
Alison Lennarz
Al Louer
Charles Robinson, Vicar

Progress as of January 20, 2016

The figures below show the goal for each objective. Two years of Annual Giving are incorporated into the Campaign.

Objective	Goal	Cash Received or Pledged
Annual Giving 2016	\$1,725,000	\$1,448,000
Annual Giving 2017	1,750,000	580,000
New Organ, Installed	1,880,000	1,647,000
Church Interior Work	320,000	331,000
Gifts to Foundation	2,220,000	2,186,000
Special Projects	<u>125,000</u>	<u>111,000</u>
Total	\$8,000,000	\$6,303,000

To date, the lead gift to the Campaign has been made by the Bruton Parish Church Endowment Fund. On August 20, 2015 the Endowment committed \$1,950,000, which is an additional \$1,000,000 over and above its usual and customary support during a two-year period. The amount of \$1,000,000 is dedicated to the new organ. This major gift by the Endowment trustees has set the pace for the Campaign and serves as motivation to the parish at large.

Current Efforts

As of this writing, we are in the Annual Giving phase of the Campaign — the first objective above — with focus on receiving parishioner pledges for 2016. Annual Giving 2016 is projected to provide 85% of the church's operating revenue. Our goal is to receive pledges from 600 parish individuals or couples; as of January 18, we have received pledges from 485. Please help make up the gap. This is how we provide for our parish church — its worship services, programs, ministries, salaries, utilities and operations. Every pledge makes a difference.

Regarding the pipe organ, we are close to entering into contract with Dobson Pipe Organ Builders, Ltd. to build and install the new instrument. The organ case of painted poplar and nearly all of the 2,577 pipes will be centered over the east gallery. A new electric action, three-manual console will sit in the same location as the current one. It will be a smaller instrument, properly situated, voiced for our unique space and varied repertoire, and less expensive to maintain.

Next Steps

Soon our efforts will shift to commence broader solicitation of comprehensive Campaign participation, continuing until December 31, 2016. We are most grateful to all who have embraced the Campaign thus far and to everyone who has expressed interest. For further reading, please visit our website at www.brutonparish.org/campaign, and see printed copies of this and other materials outside the doors of Lewis Hall in the Parish House. Thank you!

