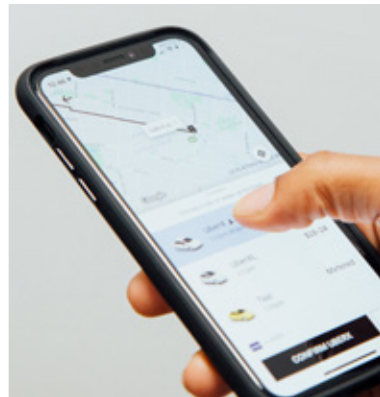


Ignite Legacy Update

WINTER 2020





This past fall, we asked, “Will you ignite a lasting legacy?”

Your answer was a resounding “YES!” We shared five challenges to tackle in this next season as a church and, praise God, wonderful things are already taking place! We set a goal of raising \$2,750,000 and \$2,358,000 has been pledged or given. Thank you for your commitment to the vision! God is at work in great ways!

In January, two teams answered the call for help from the global church. I was part of one of those teams, and what a privilege it was to see the ministry of Christian Service Society (CSS) in Bangladesh. We saw HIV/AIDS ministry on an infamous island in the Bay of Bengal. We met the recipients of small loans proudly showing us their thriving businesses. We spent time with at-risk children receiving an education and a home within the church family. We walked through hospitals and training schools, all indigenously run, where we observed the bright futures of young men and women. We encouraged, cared for, prayed for and trained the CSS leaders – the blessings were mutual.

We’ve only just begun, so if you haven’t joined in already, it’s not too late to get involved. Help us reach the goal of \$2,750,000 by making a pledge. Go to bit.ly/ignitelegacyfund and ignite a lasting legacy today!

Ignite Legacy Fund

\$2,358,000 of \$2,750,000 pledged or given

\$392,000
remaining



Craig Mowrey
Lead Pastor, Development

LOOK AT HOW GOD IS IGNITING OUR LEGACY



A GENERATION NEEDS TO MEET JESUS

- Our Online Campus leadership team is making great progress for our official September 20 launch date.
- In preparation for the launch, we will be installing new equipment in our Bethel Campus Worship Center over the upcoming two months and creating a new Production Studio. Technical installations will take place in the New Milford, Waterbury and Derby Campuses in May, June and July.
- We will begin live streaming our Bethel Campus sermon to the web in late April.
- We are growing our technical volunteer teams. To find out how you can get involved, contact Christopher Ellington at cellington@walnuthillcc.org.



LEADERS NEED TO BE EQUIPPED

- 18 people are currently enrolled in our Follow Jesus leadership class.
- 40 people will be traveling to Israel in June to grow deeper in their relationship with Jesus.
- Six interns are actively engaged with our Worship and Arts ministry.
- Our 2020 Ministry Residents are doing an incredible job. Jess Delp, is serving in leadership with our young adult and social media ministries. Fab Fernandes is serving in our children's and youth ministries.
- Planning is taking place to chart our Residency, Intern and Gap-Year programs.



THE NEW ENGLAND CHURCH NEEDS TO THRIVE

- Walnut Hill has joined with 30 other churches in CT and committed to cover one day each month in prayer so that there is continual prayer taking place for God's work in the state. Thank you to the 32 Walnut Hill congregants who have committed to make this possible.



- Adam DePasquale and Brian Prue continue to gather in prayer each month with six other pastors in northern Litchfield County. Great testimonies are being shared.
- On average, Walnut Hill provides support and encouragement to more than 20 churches and pastors each month.
- Walnut Hill is actively involved with 13 ministries in New England that are moving forward in ministry connected to prayer and worship, evangelism, discipleship, families, special needs, as well as fighting human trafficking and homelessness.



THE GLOBAL CHURCH IS ASKING FOR HELP

- Two teams recently returned having spent time encouraging global partners in Costa Rica and Bangladesh.
- Having been invited by World Relief to provide marriage support to pastors and their spouses in Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo, a trip is being planned for June. More than 100 pastors and leaders will attend retreats and sessions led by Walnut Hill.
- Having been invited by Elam Ministries to train Iranian pastors and leaders, a trip is being planned for this spring.
- Additional opportunities are currently being assessed.



WE NEED TO PREPARE FOR FUTURE GUESTS

- Plans continue to move forward to purchase the property adjacent to the Bethel Campus in March.
- Planning is taking place to begin first stage renovations of bathrooms at the Waterbury Campus.
- A team is beginning to meet to discuss how to further develop our Special Needs Ministry to better serve families at each of our campuses.

Thank you for your partnership in ministry! The Lord is igniting a passion for Jesus through His Church!



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