

Thank you for supporting Ascension in 2020. In addition to your pledges we **relied on a forgivable PPP loan and grants from the Diocese** to meet our financial obligations. We anticipate that 2021 will be an equally challenging year.

We need approximately **\$375,000 in pledged income to balance our budget (because we aren't expecting as much in grants or loans this is an increase of 15% from 2020)**. We ask you to prayerfully consider pledging to support our 2021 budget and, if you are able, to increase it from what you pledged in 2020.

A pledge card will come to you via email or regular mail in early November.

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think with the mind of Christ, and act as the body of Christ
in our church, community, and world.*

2020

HOW WE USED YOUR PLEDGE

To meet our regular expenses and unexpected pandemic costs in 2020, we relied on:



These funds allowed us to:



Keep ministry staffing at regular levels



Continue to offer vibrant worship experiences to the community

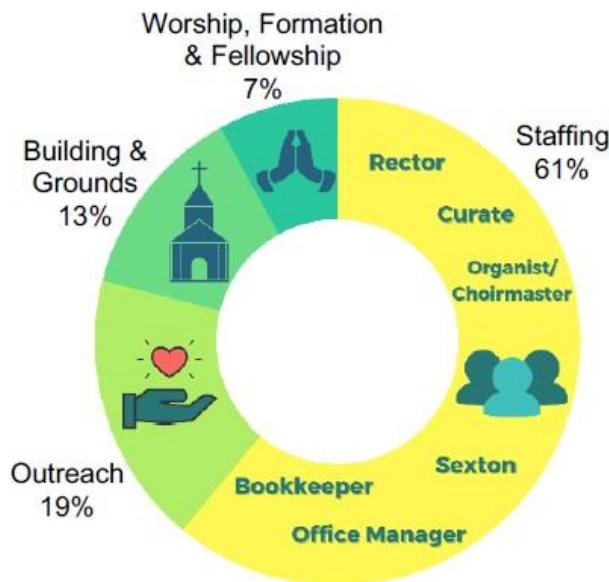


Purchase new technology to adapt to COVID-19

2021

PROPOSED BUDGET

\$640,000



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FINANCIAL PLEDGE TO SUPPORT
THE **2021** OPERATING BUDGET OF
THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



Join us in abundantly trusting, giving, loving, and believing in the power of the risen Christ to act in us, with us, and through us to transform our church, community, and world.

In thanksgiving for God's blessing in our lives and to support the mission of The Episcopal Church of the Ascension in 2021, we pledge \$_____ per
week / month / year (circle one).

Signature: _____

Please return this pledge card to the above address or leave it in the church's mailbox. If you would prefer to respond electronically, please send your pledge information to our bookkeeper, Diane Vezmar, at financeascension@gmail.com.

Thank you for supporting the ministry of The Episcopal Church of the Ascension.

For your convenience, we offer multiple ways to submit pledge payments:

1. **Online**—One-time and recurring payments can be made at ascensionhickory.org.
2. **Text**—Text GIVE to 828-481-8688.
3. **Phone**—Download the Church by MinistryOne app onto your mobile phone.
3. **Mail**—Checks can be mailed to 726 1st Ave NW, Hickory, NC 28601.
4. **Auto Drafts**—Set up automated payments with your bank.

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