



ANNUAL REPORT

TWO THOUSAND AND SIXTEEN

WARD CHURCH



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From generation to generation we will recount your praise.

Psalm 79:13

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR SENIOR PASTOR



Dear Ward Friends,

This month we celebrate not only what God has done in the last 12 months, but what God has done in the last 60 years. Pioneers from Ward Memorial Presbyterian Church of Detroit started a new work in Livonia in 1956, when the western suburbs were the new frontier. In our 60th anniversary year, we applaud the pioneering spirit of our founders and continue to explore new frontiers and new doors of opportunity.

Let us proclaim together as a church, "From generation to generation we will recount your praise" (Psalm 79:13). Continue to love one another, to seek after Jesus, to welcome all people, to give generously, and to pray for open doors for you personally to share Jesus in word and deed.

Hear the call of Jesus once more: "Follow me, and I will send you out to fish for people" (Matthew 4:19).

Scott

Scott McKee

FISCAL YEAR 2017

2016 MINISTRY PLAN

	Program	Personnel	Total
Worship	\$163,280	\$703,810	\$867,090
Group Life	74,441	355,453	429,894
Next Generation	109,703	407,719	517,422
Outreach	684,650	103,632	788,282
Campus Services	1,150,970	800,886	1,951,856
Strategic Initiatives	45,456	-	45,456
Total Budget	\$2,228,500	\$2,371,500	\$4,600,000

2017 MINISTRY PLAN

	Program	Personnel	Total	Change
Worship	\$135,867	\$707,812	\$843,679	-2.7%
Group Life	69,441	352,306	421,747	-1.9%
Next Generation	122,079	399,308	521,387	0.8%
Outreach	645,865	109,804	755,669	-4.1%
Campus Services	1,158,748	848,769	2,007,517	2.9%
Strategic Initiatives	100,000	-	100,000	120.0%
Total Budget	\$2,232,000	\$2,418,000	\$4,650,000	1.1%

OPEN DOORS

In 2014 we embarked on a 2-Year Outreach Vision to expand God's Kingdom in India, Detroit and the Western Suburbs.

To date

\$3,933,773

has been given of the **\$4,372,518** pledged.

INDIA

Phase 2 of the school is under construction.
140 students attend through Ward sponsorships.
Sent funds for training & support of 6 pastors + 11 churches.

DETROIT

Purchased 22 more homes; over 75% of all vacant in area.
Began gutting and remodeling Preschool building.
Sent over 500 volunteers this past year.

WESTERN SUBURBS

Hosted *Christmas for the D* with 1,000+ first-time visitors.
Our main entrance, coffee shop, signage, playscape and other building projects will all be completed by this summer.

2015-16 MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Christmas for the D // Over 1,000 of the 2,500 attendees were new to our church. Great relationships were built with two local high school choirs and nearly \$40,000 was raised to benefit Central Detroit Christian.

60th Anniversary // A unique and memorable celebration, which creatively gave God the glory for all that He's done through Ward over the last 60 years.

EPC General Assembly // Hundreds of pastors, elders, and other church leaders will gather at Ward from June 21-25, 2016 for work, worship, learning, and renewal. It is our privilege to host, serve, and pray for them.

House Giveaway // Renovated and gave away Ward's 7th house in the Central Detroit community.

Church Planting // Launched the Detroit Church as well as churches in Mali and India.

Missionaries // Supported & partnered with 70+ missionaries across 17 countries.

Collections // Ward generously gave canned goods, coats, backpacks, and toys to various ministries as well as collected 5,533 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.

Short-Term Mission Trips // Nearly 50 people participated in trips to China, Guatemala, Bahamas, Lebanon, Mali, and more.

Deacon Prayer // Prayed for an estimated 650 prayers requests.

Membership // Welcomed 177 new members into our church family.

Groups // Two church-wide small group campaigns had approximately 60 groups and 600 people participating in each. 400 attended weekday *Groups for Women*.

Recovery and Support // Hosted two 8-week Grief Workshops with 139 people; two 13-week DivorceCare groups with 60 people.

FX: A Family Experience // Averaged over 500 attendees per FX and included nearly 200 first-time guests during the course of the year.

Weekday Preschool // Comprised of 79% non-Ward Church families; growth has necessitated classroom renovation & expansion this summer.

Nursery // Attendance has more than doubled since our renovation.

Students // High School involvement increased nearly 20%.

... and SO much MORE!

BY THE NUMBERS

AVERAGE WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	May 2014- April 2015	May 2015- April 2016	Favorable / (Unfavorable)	% Change
Worship Services				
Liturgical	142	148	6	4%
Contemporary	559	530	(29)	-5%
Traditional	710	674	(36)	-5%
Post-Contemporary	343	302	(41)	-12%
Online 9:30 & 11 a.m. combined	120	129	9	8%
Worship Total Attendance Average	1,874	1,783	(91)	-5%

RECEIPTS

	FY 2015 (43 weeks)	FY 2016 (43 weeks)	Favorable / (Unfavorable)	% Change
Contributory Receipts				
Budget Receipts	\$3,843,269	\$3,836,874	\$(6,395)	0%
Bequests - Undesignated	-	198,116	198,116	100%
Deacons	147,556	124,334	(23,222)	-16%
Building Projects	52,816	8,323	(44,493)	-84%
Open Doors	2,015,205	1,556,099	(459,106)	-23%
Restricted Giving	262,049	220,641	(41,409)	-16%
Total Contributory Receipts	\$6,320,895	\$5,944,387	\$(376,509)	-6%
Non-Contributory Receipts				
Investment & Other Income	\$72,044	\$39,491	\$(32,553)	-45%
Investment Income - Restricted	7,534	7,468	(65)	-1%
Program Fees	598,367	794,996	196,629	33%
Total Non-Contributory Receipts	\$677,944	\$841,955	\$164,011	24%
Total Receipts	\$6,998,840	\$6,786,342	\$(212,498)	-3%

BALANCE SHEET

Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	4,764,211
Investments	579,285
Note receivable	50,355
Prepaid Expense	23,329
Land, building, equipment	35,336,015
Accumulated depreciation	(18,696,118)

Total Assets **\$22,057,077**

Liabilities and Net Assets

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	545,659
Accrued compensation and benefits	62,883
Deferred revenue	1,950
Other liabilities	46,658

Total Liabilities **\$657,150**

Net Assets

Unrestricted	
Undesignated	918,358
Session designated	764,244
Fee-based programs	386,363
Net investment in land, building, & equipment	16,639,897
	\$18,708,862

Temporarily restricted	2,463,255
Permanently restricted	227,810

Total Net Assets **21,399,927**

Total Liabilities and Net Assets **\$22,057,077**

OUR MISSION: LOVE. SERVE. SHARE.

There's nothing quite like a church on mission. It's a thing of beauty.
And that's what we aim to be.

This fiscal year we are recommitting ourselves to carrying out our mission.
For further financial info, stats, and videos visit our Annual Report website.

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