



HOME

LOVING THE CITY
LONG TERM

A BOLD COMMITMENT TO LOVE DC FOR GENERATIONS TO COME

VISION:

A GREAT HOME FOR ALL PEOPLE WHERE JESUS CHRIST IS LORD

- The gospel changes everything.
- As more and more people embody the gospel across Washington, DC, we will see loneliness eradicated, neighborhoods grow more vibrant and communal, workplaces become more humane, racial reconciliation accelerated, institutional corruption cease, and the arts imbued with beauty and hope.
- Washington, DC, is a center of global influence, and by reaching the people of this city, we can reach the world.

OPPORTUNITY:

A VIBRANT MINISTRY IN THE HEART OF THE NATION'S CAPITAL

- Christian faith and church attendance are declining rapidly all around the country, especially among people in their twenties and thirties.
- DC has lost 27% of its sacred spaces over the last ten years, with some wards experiencing losses over 40%.
- As a vibrant, gospel-centered church full of people in their twenties and thirties in the heart of DC, we are uniquely positioned to have an impact on our city and the broader culture.

APPROACH:

A CITY FILLED WITH GOSPEL-CENTERED COMMUNITIES

- The gospel is not just an idea to be shared, but a way of life to be experienced in community.
- We want to build gospel-centered communities in each of the 131 distinct neighborhoods throughout DC, which means equipping households, launching small groups and neighborhood missional communities, partnering with other like-minded institutions, revitalizing dying churches, and starting new churches.



IN ORDER FOR THIS TO HAPPEN, ADVENT NEEDS A PERMANENT HOME

WE NEED:

A Training Ground

for spiritual
formation

- We need a home that can be used not just on Sundays, but throughout the week to equip children, youth and adults for ministry in their neighborhoods, schools and workplaces throughout the city.
- We need a space that promotes artistic expression and reflects beauty and transcendence, core aspects of Anglican spirituality.

WE NEED:

A Base Camp

for neighborhood
ministry

- Putting down physical roots in a neighborhood demonstrates deep investment and commitment, and increases our visibility as a means of bearing gospel witness.
- A physical space allows us to show hospitality, to act as a “third space” for community gatherings and events, and to serve not only our own members, but the community around us.

WE NEED:

A Launch Pad

for emerging
leaders

- A permanent home gives us the institutional stability we need to develop new leaders to serve in DC and beyond.
- Leaders from Advent have been sent out to start churches in places ranging from Virginia to the Persian Gulf region, and thousands more have been sent around the world, to serve in nearly every sector of society.

We need YOU! We are asking everyone at Church of the Advent to **pray, engage** and **give** in new ways during this season. As you consider your part in all of this, ask yourself:

- Do I use my money in ways that reflect God’s priorities?
- If I looked to God as my source of security and provision, how would my spending habits change?
- What do I hope to see in Washington, DC, and in the world? What do I believe God can do? What am I willing to sacrifice to see it happen?

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