

# Impact Report





# Highland Park

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

You can tell a lot about a church by the stories it celebrates. This impact report is a way of rejoicing in all that God continues to do in and through this family of churches as we anchor our lives in the hope of Jesus and the power of his resurrection.

And while spiritual transformation is something we can't ever truly measure with numbers and reports, our hope is that you will see in these stories a glimpse of how God is changing lives and extending His kingdom through Highland Park Pres.

I'm so thankful to be on mission together with you, and ask you to join me in praying that God would continue to do "immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine" (Ephesians 3:20).

Joyfully,



Bryan Dunagan



WHY DOES  
HP PRES EXIST?

To lead *all generations*  
to *find* and *follow Jesus*  
for the *flourishing* of  
our *city* and *beyond*.



# Vision 100

On the 25th anniversary of Highland Park Pres' inception, Dr. Bill Elliott preached, "It is right that we should meditate some on the past, but our eyes must always be to the future...that God would fill us with divine discontent, and send us out for even greater things."



Moving toward our 100th anniversary in 2026, we want to look forward and continue to advance God's mission for HP Pres. Our goal is that everything we do be about helping people find and follow Jesus, and Vision 100 is how we measure that. By 2026, we want 100% of our covenant partners growing as followers of Jesus, 10 new churches planted, 100 leaders raised up from the next generation for Christ-centered ministry, 10,000 people coming to faith in Jesus, and 1,000,000 hours of prayer fueling everything we do.

**100%**

of our Covenant Partners  
growing as followers of Jesus

**10,000**

new followers of Jesus

**10**

new church plants

**100**

leaders raised from  
the next generation for  
Christ-centered leadership

**1,000,000**

hours of prayer

We established these goals in 2016 on our church's 90th anniversary, and it is hard to believe that we are over halfway through our ten-year plan! We have made some incredible progress, and as we look forward, we want to invite you into Vision 100 so we can see Jesus' name be known in our city and beyond.

# Find Your Place

## COMMUNITY GROUPS

Groups at HP Pres help people learn how to live out Scripture with friends who show grace, honesty, and care for each other. Our big church feels small when people gather in circles and not just rows. Groups range in size, frequency, format, and composition, but they share a commitment to helping one another find and follow Jesus.

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## COMMUNITY GROUPS

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## PARTICIPANTS

We all need people in our lives to guide us when we're unsure, cheer us on when we succeed, and encourage us when we struggle. By joining a community group, you will build relationships with people that will come alongside you through all of life's ups and downs. Whether you are a long-time churchgoer or a brand-new Christian, there is a group for you!

Take the next step in finding your community at [hppres.org/groups](http://hppres.org/groups).

*“Joining this group gave me consistency. I knew I was going to consistently meet with people who love me well, who know me well, and who will point me to Jesus.”*

MAGGIE LEECH



## DISCIPLESHIP CONVERSATIONS

A discipleship conversation is two people exploring together what it means to be disciples of Jesus. In our busy lives we rarely pause to think about our spiritual lives let alone talk about them with someone else. Discipleship conversations create the space for us to listen to and encourage one another.

Sign up to be a discipling leader or discipling participant at [hppres.org/discipleship-conversations](https://hppres.org/discipleship-conversations).

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## PARTNERSHIPS



*“Our meetings brought about personal connection, friendship, and conversations that benefit us both.”*

PARTICIPANT

*“I love to mentor others because I have had very helpful mentors in my own life. It is an ancient and profound passing of wisdom. The blessing is always two-way.”*

LEADER





## STARTING POINT

Where do you begin? At the start. Starting Point is where you can learn more about Highland Park Pres and how to get connected in our church family.

Each week features a time to learn about our church's beliefs and mission, and discussions in small groups. By the end, you'll know how to continuously grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ at Highland Park Pres. To sign up for the next Starting Point, visit [hppres.org/starting-point](https://hppres.org/starting-point).

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## NEW COVENANT PARTNERS IN 2022

PEAK STREET CHURCH  
25

GRACE CHURCH  
LAKE HIGHLANDS  
73



## ALPHA

Where do you go to find the answers to life's big questions? There's a lot of information out there, but how do you process it all? Alpha is an opportunity to explore life, faith, and God with others. It is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith, run over ten weeks. Each talk looks at a different question about faith, followed by small groups designed to create friendly, open, and informal discussions. Alpha is for anyone who is curious, and everyone is welcome.

This year we saw dozens of people come together to gather for meals, discuss important topics, build relationships, and explore their faith. Learn more about upcoming courses at [hppres.org/alpha](https://hppres.org/alpha).

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## ALPHA PARTICIPANTS

# Promise of a New Identity

In baptism, we celebrate that God has chosen us, loves us, and gave everything for us. In baptism, we participate in Jesus' death and resurrection by dying to what separates us from God and being raised to newness of life in Christ.

[hpres.org/baptisms](http://hpres.org/baptisms)

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INFANT BAPTISMS

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ADULT BAPTISMS



Cai Zhou has seen the grace of God in many ways through being part of our Mandarin-Chinese church plant, including seeing a tremendous change in her father after he was baptized at HP Pres a few years ago.

***“I want to be a witness to God’s grace and mercy.”***

**CAI ZHOU**

When a church sister delivered her baby prematurely, Cai Zhou joined others to care and pray for the couple, and walk through the difficult time together. She was overcome with joy when God miraculously saved the baby.

Cai Zhou then decided to be baptized at the sunrise service on Easter to proclaim God’s love and his resurrection power.



# Family of Churches



Our family of churches is expanding once again to extend the reach of the Gospel throughout the metroplex. Having launched churches in Old East Dallas (Peak Street Church) and Lake Highlands (Grace Church LH), we are now turning our efforts to the Oak Cliff area of Dallas.



As the launch team prepared for Good Shepherd Oak Cliff to open its doors to the community, they prayed that people would find a home at Good Shepherd and that real, lasting change would come because of this new church.

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**PEOPLE ON THE  
LAUNCH TEAM**

After meeting in homes and backyards for two years, Good Shepherd Oak Cliff officially launched on Sunday, Oct. 9. The room filled with a sense of belonging as people warmly greeted each other before finding their seats. Led by Andrew Franklin, the official launch of Good Shepherd Oak Cliff was celebrated with people of different backgrounds, bonding together as brothers and sisters in Christ.

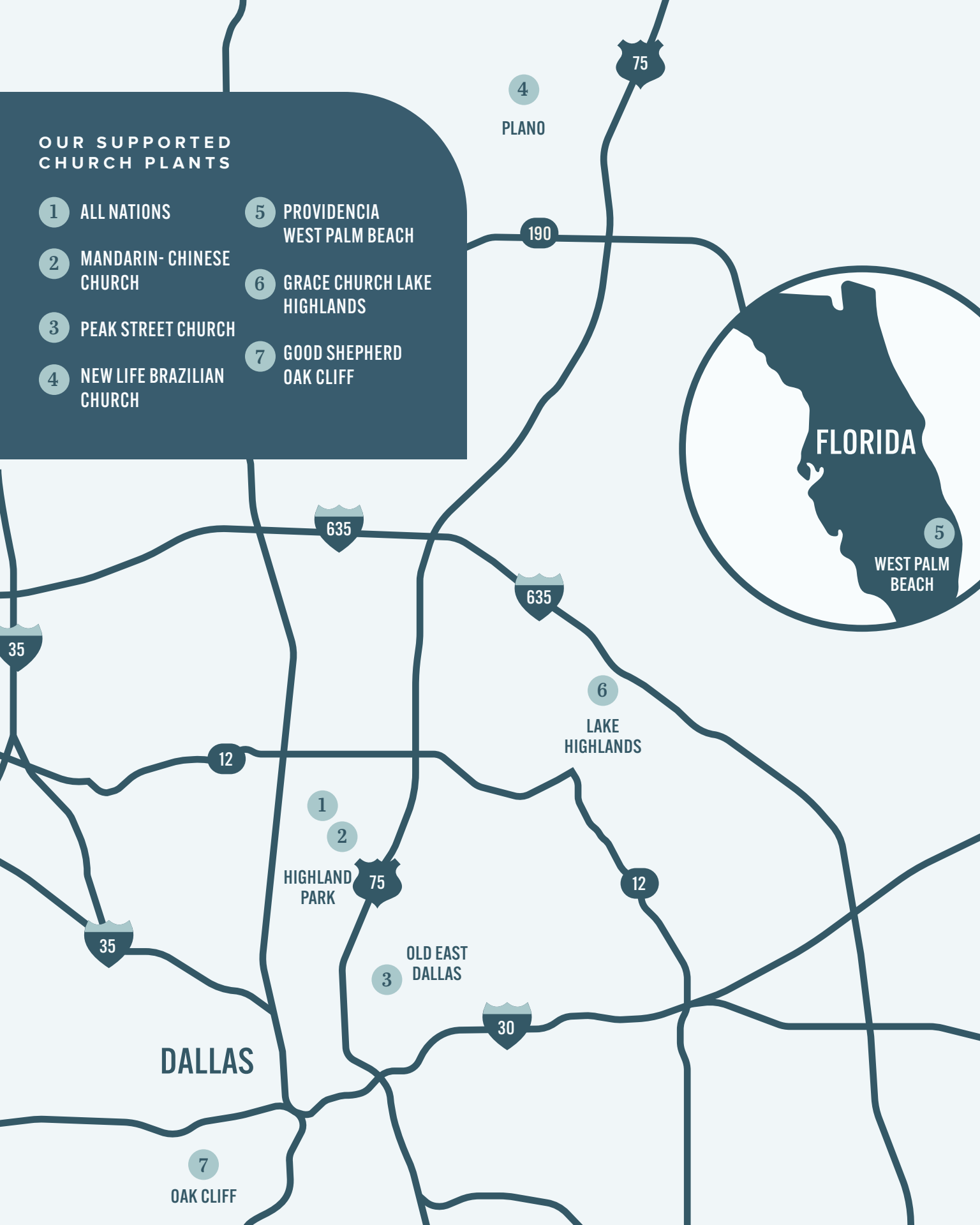
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**ATTENDED THE FIRST  
SUNDAY SERVICE**

Together, we are leading all generations to find and follow Jesus for the flourishing of our city and beyond. Now, we are excited to see this vision unfold in Oak Cliff as well. Learn more about the newest member of our Family of Churches at [goodshepherdokcliff.org](https://goodshepherdokcliff.org).

OUR SUPPORTED  
CHURCH PLANTS

- 1 ALL NATIONS
- 2 MANDARIN- CHINESE CHURCH
- 3 PEAK STREET CHURCH
- 4 NEW LIFE BRAZILIAN CHURCH
- 5 PROVIDENCIA WEST PALM BEACH
- 6 GRACE CHURCH LAKE HIGHLANDS
- 7 GOOD SHEPHERD OAK CLIFF



# Raising Up Leaders

## ANSWERING THE CALL

“It’s been a journey,” Sterling White laughs when reflecting on the years leading up to her seminary graduation and impending ordination as a pastor. She was originally asked if she had ever considered being a pastor when she was serving as the Director of 5th & 6th. At first, Sterling didn’t know how to feel about women in leadership. “That wasn’t something I saw growing up,” she describes, “so I spent a lot of my time really praying and looking at God’s word to discern his call for women.”



In seeking to know God more, she said yes to attending Fuller Seminary five years ago. Throughout her studies, she wrestled with Scripture, and her sense of calling into pastoral ministry.

“I began to see that God equally calls men and women into ministry. Jesus is all about giving the less than and marginalized the power to speak and teach his name,” Sterling mentioned, “examples like the Samaritan woman, Priscilla, and the women among Jesus’ devoted disciples: Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of Jesus, Mary of Bethany, Joanna, and Susanna” jumped out to her. “Sitting in God’s word and talking to God revealed to me that he does call women to be pastors, and he was calling me.”

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Now, Sterling has completed seminary and is prepared to take on the role of pastor. “I feel more confident in who I am and how God has gifted me than I did before,” she says in describing the encouragement from her HP Pres family. We couldn’t be more proud of Sterling and can’t wait to see her flourish as she continues her journey in helping people find and follow Jesus!





## LEARNING TO LEAD

When Elise first moved to Dallas, she already knew the Bible very well from attending a Christian school in Houston. However, it wasn't until her family started attending HP Pres that Jesus became real for her.

Elise was nearing the end of her 4th-grade year when her mom began to lead a Bible study group, and watching her mom model leadership fostered an eagerness in Elise to learn how to lead as well. After two years of watching and learning, Elise was ready to start a group of her own.

In March of 2022 Elise began to dive into the Bible with other 5th and 6th-grade girls. Since then, they have grown in their faith together while forming close bonds of friendships. Elise found a passion for sharing Jesus and wants other people to experience a relationship with him too.

## INTERN CLASS OF 2022

The HP Pres internship program helps to accomplish our church-wide vision of developing new leaders. It is also used to help disciple college students as they experience full-time ministry and discern if this is how God is calling them to serve.

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## INTERNS

This year's interns worked in six different ministries: IT, Production, Elementary, 5th & 6th, Middle School, and High School.

Each person has returned to their campus and campus ministries emboldened in their faith.



# Caring for Our Family

Our deacons help build up our church community through ministries emphasizing spiritual care, prayer, and connection. They live across all our neighborhoods and are dedicated to helping people find and follow Jesus by ministering to them and offering guidance, love, and support.

Our deacons serve on Care Teams, each tasked with caring for our congregation in a different way. You can learn more and see opportunities to help these teams at [hppres.org/care-teams](https://hppres.org/care-teams).



## ASSISTED LIVING CARE TEAM

Deacons on the Assisted Living Care Team serve our members who live at three local retirement communities: Presbyterian Village North (PVN), The Tradition, and Edgemere. They host seasonal gatherings for fellowship, visit with members, and help keep them connected to the life of our congregation.

## CELEBRATE RECOVERY CARE TEAM

Celebrate Recovery is a Christian 12-Step program to help people overcome “habits, hurts, and hang-ups” that are destructive obstacles to their flourishing. The members of this Care Team have benefited from this program and are eager to help guide others to the same freedom they have found. Learn more at [hppres.org/care](https://hppres.org/care).



## ANGEL FOOD CARE TEAM

The Angel Food team prepares, cooks, and gift-wraps homemade family meals to give to members when they bring a newborn home, have a death in the family, or have a hospitalization or illness in their household. They deliver meals to homes, stopping to visit and pray to encourage and support our church family.



## CHURCH PLANTING CARE TEAM

When a new church plant is launched, our deacons are ready to support the work being done in a new part of the city through care, prayer, and connection. These deacons work closely with church-plant pastors and train teams of deacons raised by the local church.

## GRIEF SHARE CARE TEAM

Grief Share is a support group for people who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Our Griefshare Care Team members know what this feels like, and they make sure that our church family doesn't have to walk through times like this alone.



## MEMORIAL SERVICES CARE TEAM

Care Team members help our church host funerals and memorial services for members and their families as they grieve the loss of loved ones, celebrate their resurrection, and welcome visitors to our campus.



## PASTORAL CARE TEAM

These deacons help our pastors provide spiritual care for members of our church family through prayer, letter writing, sending care packages, and calling to check in and celebrate milestones. They go on visits to see members who are in the hospital, rehab, or when homebound for a season.

## RE-ENGAGE CARE TEAM

Team members lead Re-Engage, a marriage enrichment course for married couples who want to deepen their relationship with God and grow closer together with one another. Deacons and leader couples are also available to help mentor couples during challenging seasons of life. Learn more at [hpres.org/marriage](http://hpres.org/marriage).

# City & Global Impact

With your support, our Outreach team is changing lives here and around the world. Learn more about our city and global partnerships at [hppres.org/city](https://hppres.org/city) and [hppres.org/global](https://hppres.org/global).

## TOTAL OUTREACH GIVING

**\$2,093,911**

### GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

**\$293,822**

### COMPASSION FUND

**\$284,372**

### CITY ENGAGEMENT

**\$593,630**

### DISASTER RELIEF

**\$684,786**

### MISSIONARIES

**\$237,301**

## FAITH IN ACTION

Food insecurity has been an unfortunate reality in the United States for a long time, but the need grew immensely when families were affected by loss of income due to the pandemic. Our neighbors in East Dallas, South Dallas, and Richardson were not exempt, with nearly 600 families across ten zip codes struggling to afford groceries.



In this time of desperation, God called HP Pres to join with Dallas Leadership Foundation, local churches, and other organizations to help feed needy families.

**30,000**  
**FOOD BOXES**

This opportunity has allowed our church family to act as the hands and feet of Jesus. The initiative will continue into 2023 and is an excellent opportunity to engage the whole family to serve. To learn more about how you can get involved, visit [hppres.org/serve](https://hppres.org/serve).

**425**  
**VOLUNTEERS**

**10,575**  
**HOURS**

## GO GLOBAL

Members of all ages act as the hands and feet of Jesus through cross-cultural ministry. Whether that is through short-term mission trips, financial support, or prayer, there is a way for every follower of Jesus to join in God's work in the world.

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**SUPPORTED  
MISSIONARIES &  
MISSION PARTNERS**

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**COUNTRIES**



Go Global celebrates those partnerships and shares information on how to get involved in global outreach. Whether it is through prayer, mission trips, or financial support, there is a way for each person to make a difference. Learn how you can join the global efforts at [hppres.org/global](http://hppres.org/global).

## RADICAL HOSPITALITY

The Camino de Santiago de Compostela is a large network of ancient routes that stretch across Europe and end at the tomb of St. James. Thousands of pilgrims walk these historic paths each year in search of health, community, and spiritual growth.



HP Pres partners with Agape, a ministry that creates opportunity for evangelism through hospitality. Each day they invite people to rest at their hostel as they make their pilgrimage. Travelers are offered a fresh meal, cool drink, and clean place to stay.

This summer, a team of volunteers traveled to Spain to serve alongside Agape. While providing for the physical needs of the travelers, our team also had the opportunity to invest in their spiritual journey by telling them about Jesus. We can rejoice in the fact that one day we will be walking the streets of heaven and could bump into people who found Jesus because of the conversations they had on the Camino.



## DALLAS FLOOD

On August 23, 2022, after months of drought, the Dallas-Fort Worth area was hit with more than 10 inches of rain. Old East Dallas was one of the hardest-hit neighborhoods, receiving 15 inches of rainfall in just 24 hours. While some homes were spared from the high floodwater, the blocks near HP Pres' Old East Dallas church plant, Peak Street Church, were severely impacted. Families were left with major damage to their homes and belongings—some even lost everything.



HP Pres quickly mobilized with the City of Dallas, Peak Street Church, Primera Iglesia Bautista, and Texas Baptist Men to offer immediate disaster relief and assistance in the form of food boxes, clothing, and gift cards. Fifteen families were significantly impacted, three requiring major home repairs and remodeling.

## DISASTER RELIEF

**\$684,786**

UKRAINE  
**\$404,952**

CUBA  
**\$10,000**

AFGHANISTAN  
**\$148,776**

DALLAS WINTER  
STORMS  
**\$13,605**

DOMESTIC  
TORNADOES,  
FLOODS,  
& FIRES  
**\$45,053**

WEST ASIA  
FLOODS  
**\$5,000**

BROTHER BILL'S  
HELPING HAND  
**\$5,000**

EAST DALLAS  
FLOODS  
**\$41,400**

HAITI  
**\$6,000**

VENEZUELAN  
FAMILIES  
**\$5,000**

**\$41,400**

**GIVEN TO FLOOD  
RELIEF EFFORTS**

With our congregation's help, HP Pres was able to fund the purchase of construction supplies and new home furnishings, assist with neighborhood clean-up, and remove storm debris and fallen trees. While the effort concluded in October 2022, many ways exist to help serve our city. [hppres.org/serve](http://hppres.org/serve)

## RELIEF IN CRISIS

War rages on in the east, and millions of refugees and displaced people inside Ukraine are relying on the generosity of others. Thanks to you, we were able to help the people of Ukraine with our time, resources, and money.

HP Pres has been involved with aiding refugees, missionaries, and churches who have been impacted by the ongoing war in Ukraine since February of 2022. We have worked with 13 ministry partners worldwide, including World Relief and The Outreach Foundation, to provide shelter, aid, hygiene kits, and more.

# \$404,952

GIVEN TO RELIEF  
EFFORTS IN UKRAINE



# 2,500

KITS PACKED  
FOR REFUGEES

When a crisis occurs, our Disaster Relief team works to find the best places to send funds locally and globally. By giving to our Disaster Relief fund today, you are making sure we are ready to be the hands and feet of Jesus when another crisis occurs. [hppres.org/give](https://hppres.org/give)

# Generosity

By giving to Highland Park Pres, you are supporting our mission of helping people find and follow Jesus, and serving those who are most vulnerable in our city and world. Thank you for your generosity.

[hppres.org/give](https://hppres.org/give)

## 2022 GIVING

**\$16,255,810**

### GENERAL GIVING

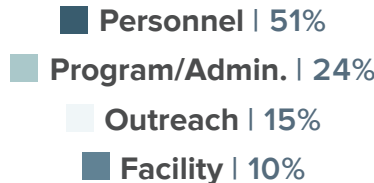
**\$12,336,941**

### RESTRICTED/ DESIGNATED GIVING

**\$3,918,869**

## 2023 BUDGET

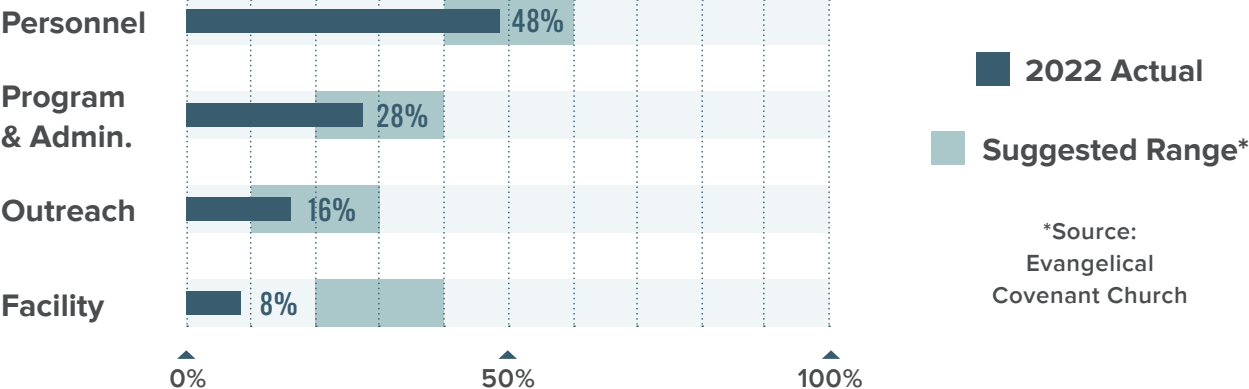
**\$16,300,000**



## 2022 ACTUAL EXPENSES

**\$15,175,874**

According to a study by Evangelical Covenant Church, our actual expenses for 2022, and our budgeted expenses for 2023, fall within or near the suggested range for church budgets.





## TRANSFORM

When we set out on this Transform journey, we made the commitment that this would never be just about beautiful buildings, but the beautiful mission and movement that God is building at HP Pres to extend transformation into the city of Dallas and beyond. As we look back and celebrate God's faithfulness in and through this project, we know that the Transform story is just beginning, for we serve a God who can do "immeasurably more than all we could ask or imagine" (Ephesians 3:20).

You can help us welcome more guests into our church family by supporting the Transform capital campaign. [hppres.org/give](http://hppres.org/give)

TOTAL  
**\$78,827,000**

GIFTS RECEIVED  
**\$77,213,000**

POTENTIAL CASH  
SHORTFALL  
**\$1,614,000**

*\*As of Nov. 30*

## OUR NEW SPACES

Because of our new spaces, we were able to "Make Waves" at our largest **VBS** ever. Watch the recap at [youtube.com/hppres](https://youtube.com/hppres).

**940**

**KIDS & VOLUNTEERS**



**Church Coffee** opened to our city in May and seeks to support and advance the vision of HP Pres. It is through the team's hospitality, friendliness, and relatability that we are able to reach the hearts of more members, community members, and guests.

**2500**

**CUPS OF COFFEE**

# Count Me In

There is not one person in the whole body of Christ without a purpose. Each one of us carries the influence and skills needed to change the world around us as we share the hope of Jesus.

## 790

**PEOPLE ARE CURRENTLY  
SERVING WITHIN THE  
WALLS OF HP PRES**

Volunteers at HP Pres have the opportunity to shape their community and the people around them through servant leadership. Whether you are great with kids, have excellent teaching skills, or can make a good cup of coffee, there is a place for you to be involved! If you feel called to use your gifts to serve others, visit [hppres.org/count-me-in](http://hppres.org/count-me-in).



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**PEOPLE ARE SERVING  
AT OUR FAMILY OF  
CHURCHES**

**MANDARIN-CHINESE  
CHURCH**

**22**

**ALL NATIONS**

**31**

**PEAK STREET  
CHURCH**

**45**

**GRACE CHURCH  
LAKE HIGHLANDS**

**62**





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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH