



RENEW & RESOUND

THE FUTURE OF THE SANCTUARY
& ORGAN AT KIRK IN THE HILLS

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A SPECIAL MESSAGE

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Dear Kirk in the Hills Family and Friends,

For generations, the Kirk has stood as a sacred meeting place—where faith is nurtured, souls uplifted, and worship echoes through word and song. Our sanctuary and our pipe organ have long been vessels through which God’s presence is made known—tools not just of tradition, but for transformation.

Today, we are being called into a new season. Through the **Renew & Resound** campaign, we have the extraordinary opportunity to preserve what we’ve inherited and prepare the way for future generations. This campaign is not simply about renovating a building or replacing an instrument—it is about deepening our collective worship, expanding our capacity for community, and ensuring that the Kirk remains a place where every soul, every heart experiences God’s transforming love.

As your pastor, I am excited to invite you into this faithful endeavor. Together, we can renew the worship space that shapes our spiritual life and resound with a robust music ministry. And we can do this in a way that honors the past while investing boldly into the future.

I ask you to prayerfully consider how you will be part of this sacred work. Let us rebuild for worship. Let us renew for community. Let us resound with a joyful noise to glorify God. And let us faithfully respond, together, to God’s call to shape a future filled with purpose, beauty, and grace.

With gratitude and faith,

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez
Senior Pastor



THE VISION

At Kirk in the Hills, sacred space and sacred sound are not merely architectural or musical traditions— they are vessels of connection, healing, and transformation. Through the Renew & Resound campaign, we are not just renovating a sanctuary or replacing an aging organ; we are investing in the spiritual renewal of all who enter this holy place.

This campaign is about people—their faith deepened through worship, their lives and communities uplifted through service, and their hearts changed by God’s amazing grace. As we rebuild for worship and renew for community, we extend an invitation: to come, to listen, to belong, and to be transformed.

Together, we are shaping a future where every person finds a place, every spirit resounds with purpose, and every heart experiences God’s transforming love.

WHY NOW?

At Kirk in the Hills, we are blessed with a legacy of sacred worship, inspiring music, and vibrant community life, filled with a resounding commitment to mission and service. For more than 75 years, Kirk in the Hills has been a spiritual home where hearts are lifted, lives are changed, and God’s presence is felt through word, sacrament, and song.

But now, we stand at a turning point.

The sanctuary itself—our most sacred gathering place—requires essential upgrades to serve today’s needs and tomorrow’s possibilities. The pipe organ that has guided our worship for generations is aging beyond repair. From acoustics and lighting to access and infrastructure, we must invest in the physical heart of our church so it can continue to nurture the spiritual heart of our people.

This is more than a matter of maintenance. It’s a moment for mission.

We are emerging from the close of our bold and faithful journey of the 75th Anniversary Campaign. Through that effort, we renewed our Refectory Terrace, launched new mission partnerships, and laid the groundwork for what comes next. **Renew & Resound** is the natural outgrowth of that vision—calling us to build on our momentum and move with faith into the future.

If we act now—with unity, generosity, and hope—we will be ready to begin construction in 2026, restore the sanctuary with necessary updates and functionality, and welcome a new pipe organ in time for the Kirk’s 80th anniversary in 2027.

This is our moment to honor the past, serve the present, and build a sacred future—for all who enter this holy space.

SPIRITUAL IMPACT

At Kirk in the Hills, worship is the heartbeat of our community.

It's where faith is formed, hearts opened, and lives transformed through God's love proclaimed in word and song. For generations, the sanctuary has been our sacred gathering place—where children are baptized, couples are married, lives are honored, and spirits are renewed. And at the center of it all is sound: the resounding music of congregational singing, special instruments, and a pipe organ that lifts our prayers, binds us together in praise, and draws us towards communion with God.

The **Renew & Resound** campaign is a spiritual investment in that experience.

We are not simply refreshing a sacred space or replacing an instrument—we are curating an environment where people encounter the divine at worship services and community events. A world-class pipe organ will restore the fullness of our worship life, allowing us to glorify God with depth, beauty, and power. Renovations to the sanctuary will enhance everything from acoustics to accessibility—making room for every voice, every soul, every story.

This is how sacred space and sacred sound become a sacred invitation.

Through this campaign, we extend a call:

To gather.

To listen.

To be moved.

To be changed.

When the sanctuary resounds, so do our spirits. When the music soars, our hearts follow. And when worship is true, the presence of God is unmistakable.



THE WORK

The **Renew & Resound** campaign is a bold and faithful response to the evolving needs of worship, outreach, mission, and sacred space at Kirk in the Hills.

At its heart is a renewed sanctuary with the installation of a world-class, 4,824-pipe organ by Orgues Létourneau—an instrument worthy of our sanctuary and our sacred music tradition. This organ will not only elevate worship but also position the Kirk as a regional center for sacred music performance and education.

Our sanctuary is a sacred space—where hearts are lifted, faith is deepened, and lives are transformed. To honor its role in our worship and community, we are undertaking a renewal that enhances its beauty, strengthens its functionality, and ensures its spiritual vitality for generations to come. As part of this renewal, a new pipe organ will help give voice to our praise, drawing all who gather into deeper connection with God and one another.

The Sanctuary Renewal Will Include:

- Stained Glass Reglazing – preserving and protecting the vibrant stories etched in our windows
- New Lighting & Lighting Controls – to dramatically improve visibility and aesthetics
- Sanctuary Sound System Upgrades – for clarity, balance, and immersive worship
- Structural Repairs & Revisions – to support and house the new pipe organ and to ensure the enhanced performance and functionality of all fixtures, instruments, and equipment
- Electrical Panel Replacement – to ensure safety and modern efficiency
- High-Quality Streaming Enhancements – with new microphones and cameras to connect our online worship community
- Improved Refectory Streaming & Sound – for flexibility in worship and special programming

With new leadership guiding the Kirk, now is the moment to step forward in bold faith—investing in a ministry that will bless generations to come. This is about preparing the way—for deeper worship, broader reach, and a renewed spiritual experience for every person who walks through our doors or joins us online.

CAMPAIGN GOALS

A Vision Fueled by Generosity

The **Renew & Resound** campaign is a \$4.5 million initiative that will restore the Kirk's sacred space and sound—ensuring that worship, beauty, and spiritual formation flourish for generations to come.

Total Project Cost: \$4.5 million

\$3.5 million – World-Class Pipe Organ by Orgues Létourneau

\$1 million – Critical Sanctuary Renovations & Technological Upgrades

Through extraordinary generosity, we have already secured \$2.5 million:

\$1.5 million from the 75th Anniversary Campaign

\$1 million lead gift from an anonymous donor

That leaves us with a \$2 million fundraising goal to complete this bold vision.

We now invite you—bold givers, generous donors, committed Kirk supporters—to help us raise the remaining funds. Together, we can fulfill the promise of this campaign and leave a lasting legacy of sacred worship, spiritual renewal, and transformative community outreach.



GIVING LEVELS

Honoring Legacy. Inspiring Leadership.

Throughout our history, Kirk in the Hills has been sustained by those whose vision, generosity, and faith have carried us forward. As we launch the **Renew & Resound** campaign, we invite you to stand among the Great Pillars of the Kirk—supporters whose gifts lead the way in transforming our sanctuary for the future.

Our campaign is inspired by the spirit, sound, and sacred structure of Kirk in the Hills—where every element, from soaring steeple to stirring song, invites us into deeper reverence and community. Just as each voice contributes to a greater harmony, every gift helps sustain the beauty, purpose, and promise of this holy place. Together, we resound in faith, unity, and enduring hope.

Great Pillars of the Kirk - \$500,000 and above

Foundational givers of our campaign—providing bold, strong support like the enduring pillars that uphold our sacred space.

Benefits: Premier recognition, private concert/dedication, listing on Triptych & website

The Carillon Circle- \$100,000 – \$499,999

Strong, clear, and faithful – this joyful group of donors help mark this defining moment in our shared life at the Kirk.

Benefits: Recognition in permanent installation, custom donor experience, Triptych & more

Stewards of the Kirk - \$25,000 – \$99,999

Expressive, faithful contributors—adding richness and depth to the campaign.

Benefits: Triptych listing, donor event invitation, website recognition

Voices of Renewal - Up to \$24,999

Subtle and beautiful—this chorus of supporters enhances our collective impact with warmth, shimmer, and faith.

Benefits: Triptych inclusion and quarterly campaign update recognition

Every level of giving contributes to the transformational mission of Renew & Resound. Together, we are rebuilding for worship and renewing for community —making space for generations to come.

Pledge Option:

Gifts may be pledged over a two-year period. Flexible giving options are available to support your commitment. For more details, please contact Jayne Zellers: jzellers@kirkinthehills.org or (248) 973-8009.

All donors will be invited to participate in campaign celebrations and will receive updates as the project progresses.

HOW TO GIVE

Every gift to the **Renew & Resound** campaign is an investment in worship, community, and sacred transformation. There are several easy ways to make your contribution:

Make a Pledge

You may commit your gift and fulfill it over time—up to two years. Pledging allows you to give generously in a way that fits your financial planning. If you need a custom time schedule to fulfill your pledge, please contact Jayne Zellers: jzellers@kirkinthehills.org or (248) 973-8009.

Submit a pledge form at the church office or online (kirkinthehills.org). You can scan the QR code below. You'll receive regular updates and reminders throughout your pledge period.



*For the Renew & Resound
Pledge Card, Scan Here*

Give Online

Visit kirkinthehills.org/music/renew-resound/ to make a one-time or recurring gift securely through our online platform (Realm). Gifts can be made by credit card, debit card, or ACH bank transfer. You can also scan the QR code below.



*To Donate or Pledge
Scan Here*

Mail a Gift

Checks can be made payable to Kirk in the Hills with “**Renew & Resound**” in the memo line. Mail to:

Kirk in the Hills
1340 W. Long Lake Road
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

Give Through Your IRA, Donor-Advised Fund, or Stock

If you'd like to give through a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD), a donor-advised fund, or by transferring stock, we are happy to assist. These giving methods can be tax-advantageous and deeply impactful.

Need Help?

Contact Jayne Zellers or Stacey Rolf in the church office (248) 626-2515 for assistance or questions about making your gift.

CAMPAIGN & CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE

This transformative journey is already underway. Below is a snapshot of the key phases leading us from vision to reality:

December 2023

Contract signed with Orgues Létourneau to build Kirk's new custom pipe organ

March 2025

Precise chamber measurements and electrical design completed

June 2025

Official launch of the Renew & Resound campaign

August 2025

Final structural design and pipe organ design completed

January 2026

Initial console design presented for approval

September 8, 2026

- Sanctuary closes for full-scale rebuilding and renewal
- Existing organ pipes removed and preserved for integration into the new instrument.

October 2026 – July 2027

Sanctuary restoration begins:

- Cleaning, structural prep, and acoustic enhancements
- Electrical and HVAC updates
- Stained glass reglazing and audio/visual upgrades

July 2027

- Organ completed at Létourneau's workshop in Canada
- Sanctuary construction completed and ready for installation

September 2027

Organ installation begins in the renewed sanctuary

November 2027

Voicing begins — each pipe finely tuned to the sanctuary's unique acoustics

December 2027

Organ completed and ready to resound as a beacon of worship, music, and mission

Note: Some information may be subject to change.

THE CALL

Your Invitation to Renew & Resound

This campaign is not just about refreshing a space, restoring beauty, and installing a new pipe organ. It's about creating sacred ground where future generations will gather to worship, to serve, to be comforted, challenged, and changed. It's about building a sanctuary that sings with grace and echoes with hope.

At Kirk in the Hills, we believe that sacred sound and sacred space shape the soul of our community. Through Renew & Resound, we are preparing a place where every heart can experience God's transforming love—for generations to come.

Join us in Renewing and Resounding the Future of the Kirk.

Your gift is more than a donation—it is a legacy of faith, music, and ministry.

With Prayerful Gratitude

As we step forward in faith, we do so with confidence in God's provision and in the strength of our Kirk family. Thank you for being part of this sacred journey.

Let us renew.

Let us resound.

Let us worship and wonder—together.



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