

FAQ

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

■ What is the Renew & Resound Campaign?

The Renew & Resound campaign is a \$4.5 million initiative to restore and renew the sanctuary of Kirk in the Hills and install a new world-class pipe organ. More than a renovation, 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. 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?

Our sanctuary infrastructure—stained-glass windows, lighting, sound, temperature controls, and streaming systems—requires urgent upgrades to meet the needs of both in-person and online worship, outreach, mission, etc. In addition, the sanctuary's original organ is no longer sustainable. With over 200 missing pipes and compromised windchests, our organists have done extraordinary work under increasingly difficult conditions. 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.

■ What exactly will the sanctuary upgrades and new organ installation include?

- Restoration and re-glazing of stained-glass windows
- Upgraded sanctuary lighting, sound, and live-streaming technology
- A custom-built, 4,824-pipe organ by Orgues Létourneau
- Structural enhancements to ensure the functionality and performance of all fixtures, instruments, equipment, etc.
- Climate control upgrades for stability and comfort
- Replacement of the main electrical control panel
- Enhanced sound and streaming capabilities in the Refectory



WAYS 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: Online via the Kirk website or Realm (Scan the QR code)

By check, with “Renew & Resound” in the memo

By credit card (authorization available on pledge card)

Through donor-advised funds or IRA qualified charitable distributions

Gifts may be pledged over two years (through Fall 2027). If you need a custom time schedule to complete your commitment, assistance is available. Contact Jayne Zellers (248) 973-8009 or jzellers@kirkinthehills.org.

■ What are the giving levels?

Renew & Resound Giving Tiers:

Great Pillars of the Kirk
(\$500,000+)

The Carillon Circle
(\$100,000–\$499,999)

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

Voices of Renewal
(up to \$24,999)

Every gift makes a meaningful impact, and all donors will have the opportunity to be recognized unless they request anonymity.

■ Is my gift tax-deductible?

Yes. Kirk in the Hills is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, and all contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Please consult your financial advisor for details.

■ What is the total cost of the campaign?

The total **campaign goal is \$4.5 million**:

\$3.5 million for the new Létourneau pipe organ

\$1 million for sanctuary infrastructure upgrades

Thanks to the generosity of the congregation:

\$1.5 million has already been committed from the 75th Anniversary Campaign

\$1 million has been pledged by a lead anonymous donor

We seek to raise the remaining **\$2 million** from the wider Kirk community and from friends of the Kirk.

■ What impact do international tariffs have on the cost of the organ?

Because Orgues Létourneau is based in Canada, the project is subject to international trade tariffs on exported materials and finished goods. Recent debates surrounding U.S.-Canada tariff policies—particularly on metal and wood products—have introduced financial uncertainty into cross-border manufacturing.

By signing our organ contract early, Kirk in the Hills locked in pricing and avoided potential cost escalations that could have delayed or compromised the project. Acting now allowed us to steward our resources wisely and remain on schedule for a Fall 2027 installation.

■ What's the timeline for the project?

Dec 2023: Contract signed with Létourneau

Fall 2025: Final design completion

Sept 2026: Sanctuary closes for renovations; upgrades and organ prep begins

Fall 2027: Organ installation and voicing

Dec 2027: Sanctuary upgrades and Organ installation completed—just in time for Kirk's 80th anniversary season

■ Will worship continue during the sanctuary closure?

Yes. Worship services will be held in the Refectory during the sanctuary renovation, beginning in September 2026. A test run during Celebration Sunday showed that—with thoughtful tweaks—we can maintain meaningful and inspiring worship during this transition.

■ Why am I being asked to give a pledge?

You are being invited to make a pledge because this moment calls for vision and faith. The Renew & Resound campaign is about more than updating a sanctuary or replacing an organ—it is about creating a sacred space where future generations will worship, serve, and be transformed by God's love.

Your pledge represents a personal commitment to the future of the ministry here at Kirk in the Hills: a future rooted in excellence, inclusion, and spiritual renewal. By pledging, you are helping ensure that the Kirk remains a place where every heart can experience God's transforming love.

■ Why is each donor being asked to complete a pledge card?

A pledge card is not a legally binding document, but filling out a pledge card allows the leadership to plan wisely and steward the campaign responsibly. Each pledge—large or small—helps us understand the full scope of generosity we can anticipate, allowing us to move forward with confidence, transparency, and gratitude.

It also affirms your personal role in this historic effort and helps ensure your intentions are honored and acknowledged appropriately. Pledges may be fulfilled over two years, and your information will remain confidential. If anyone needs a custom time schedule to complete their commitment, assistance is available by contacting Jayne Zellers at (248) 973-8009 or jzellers@kirkinthehills.org.

■ If my budget is too tight to consider pledging, is there a way I can still participate in the campaign?

Absolutely. Renew & Resound is about more than financial gifts—it's about spiritual renewal, shared purpose, and the future of our faith community. Every prayer, every encouraging word, and every act of service helps strengthen this effort.

If a financial pledge isn't possible right now, we invite you to support the campaign in other meaningful ways: a one-time donation, by praying for its success, helping spread the word, volunteering your time, or giving at a level that works for your circumstances over a custom time schedule built just for you and your family. Every form of participation is valued and vital.