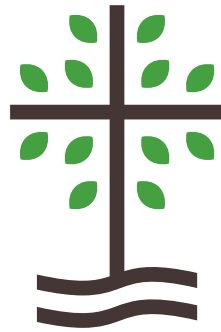


# COLUMBIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH GENEROSITY *Update*



**OCTOBER 2025**

*Dear CPC Friends,*

This Generosity Update is to share how we are utilizing our resources to serve God's mission and call at Columbia. We also want to give you a sense of how your continued generosity might help us to serve and love our church family, our neighbors, our country, and our world in 2026. The hope of your staff and Session is that this update will give you a sense of excitement and hope about where CPC is headed in 2026.

**Here are a few ways we utilized your financial gifts in 2025:**

### **MISSIONAL CASEWORKER**

Strategically using reserve funds, we launched a 2-year experimental Missional Caseworker position. Their job is to make sure that folks from CPC and the wider community we serve can connect to ministries and crisis resources that can address their needs. We are discovering all sorts of gaps and possibilities as Scott Longacre is visiting various agencies and sitting down with individuals and families.

### **FOOD BANK SUPPORT**

The Clark County Food Bank has been pinched by reductions in federal aid. In response, the Mission Team was able to increase our support by \$7,000 using your 2025 contributions and some reserves.

### **MOWTOWN TEEN LAWNCARE**

Partially funded by the CPC mission budget and two grants, Mowtown deploys 9-12 high school students and two young adults every week. This is the largest group Mowtown has ever ministered to. For the first time, Mowtown is working with the Missions Team to have brothers and sisters from CPC work alongside the Mowtown young adults out in the community. Students are being invited to come to CPC's Work Camp and to church more regularly.

### **WELCOME GATHERING**

In August, we used some of our resources to host about 60 folks that are newer to the life of Columbia. While we have tried smaller versions of this before, this was the largest and most intentional gathering we have had. Our hope is that our new Associate Pastor will help us create or renew some systems and moments to welcome new friends to CPC with Christian hospitality.

### **CAMPUS PROJECTS, LOGOS AND SIGNS**

Using some of our strategic reserve funds and resources from the CPC Foundation, we tackled a number of deferred maintenance projects around the church including repairing the front facade of the Office and Youth Center, converting old lighting to new LED lighting, and refinishing our gym floor. The gym serves hundreds of people from around the community every single year. We spent the last year developing a new logo and thread to help us communicate better with those in who are not yet part of Columbia. As a result, we also installed new exterior signage around the church to help the community know who we are and where to go once they arrive here. This also allowed us to create a new church website.



*Pastor Matt Overton*

# Looking Forward

Looking forward to 2026, we believe we are doing good work as a church and we would like to see the fruit of that work multiply. Each one of us has financial priorities, and sometimes burdens, that we carry into our ability to support the mission of the church, but we hope that you will continue to be generous toward Columbia and those Jesus calls us to serve. Here are some of the new ways we envision needing to use your financial gifts in 2026:

## WELCOME AND ONBOARDING

We know that once the new Associate Pastor is hired there will need to be a concerted effort to reshape our welcome and belonging process. We expect that we might need 2-3 “new people gatherings” each year and likely some revitalization of curriculum and resources. We are not currently budgeted for this.



## SERVICE

One of our 3-5 year goals was to create opportunities for every generation in our community to grow in discipleship by serving together. Our hope is to create a service and fellowship opportunity this spring that will allow people to eat, serve, and grow as disciples. This day of service would require resources for projects and fellowship.

## MISSIONAL CASEWORKER

While we have funded this position for the next 2 years through strategic reserve funds, we will need to begin making this position sustainable with our everyday budget. We believe this position is critical because the increase in the community ministry is multiplying the number of people who come to us in moments of crisis. These are the areas where our increased mission is producing increased requests for help or input. The Missional Caseworker is critical in these areas:

### The Columbia MomCo

The Columbia Momco has grown. Some of those moms are calling CPC home and there are needs we are attempting to meet as they arise.

### The Columbia Future Forge

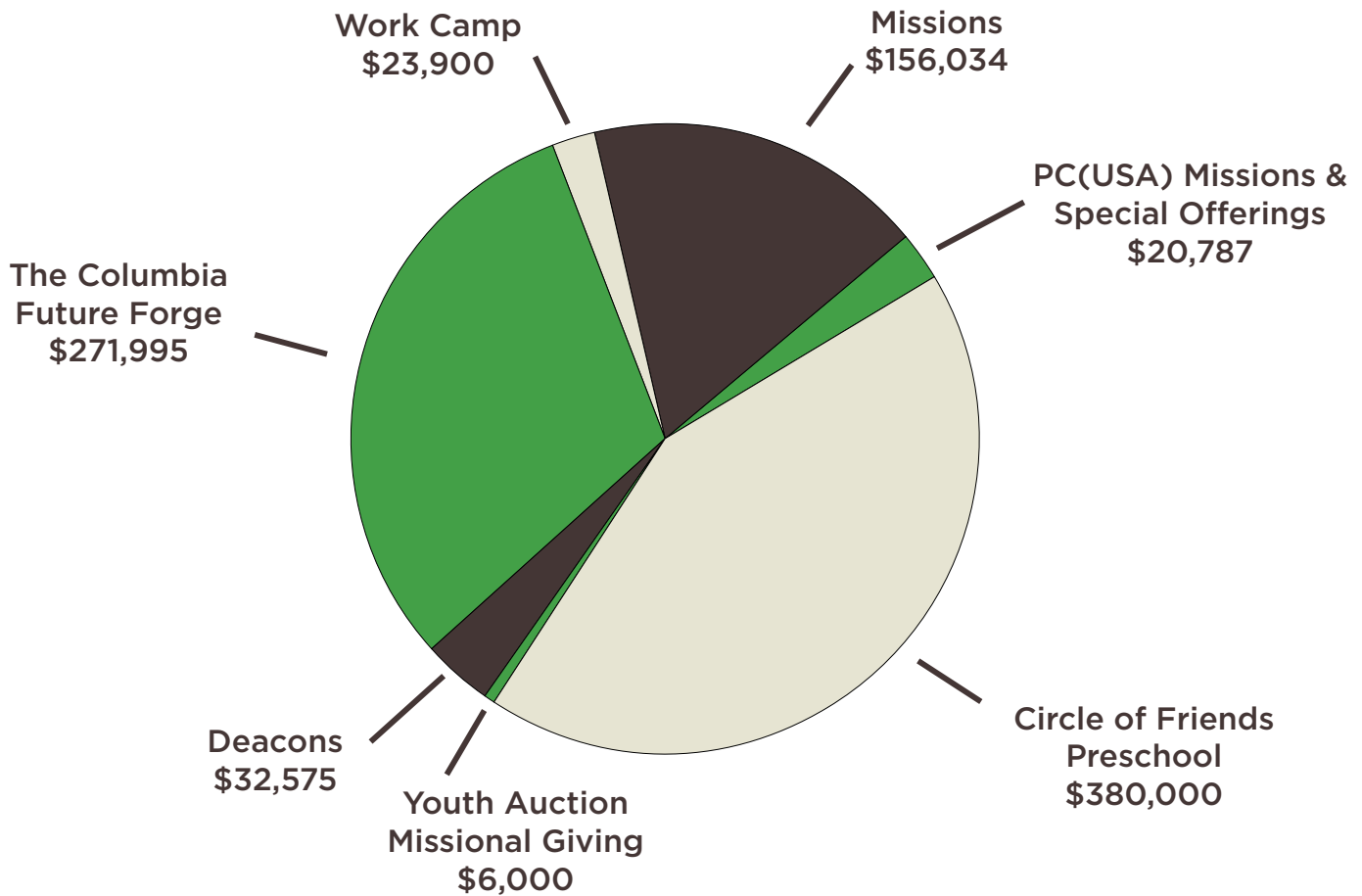
There are students that need mental health intervention, assistance with getting a drivers license in a low income household, and others that need occasional food assistance.

### Community Ministry Partners

Some of our local ministry partners are becoming more aware that CPC is a Christian ministry hub with a heart for service. They are reaching out more regularly to use our facilities or see if we can help someone in crisis. Partners such as the YMCA, Young Life, the Family Community Resource Centers of Marshall Elementary and McLoughlin Middle School, Showtime Softball, and a men’s basketball league.

In short, CPC set out a little over 15 years ago to become a missional community of Christian disciples. We have lived into that model inside and outside our facility, but now we will have to work to engage and sustain the ministry that is literally walking through our doors. You can help us faithfully engage that work in 2026.

# COLUMBIA'S 2025 MISSIONAL IMPACT



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