



SUSTAINING GRACE

150TH
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INITIATIVE





150th Anniversary Invitation

On December 12th, 2025, Grace Episcopal Church of Saint Helena, California, will celebrate its 150th Anniversary as a living community of faith. In honor of the many saints who have gone before us and in anticipation of the many saints to come, we humbly invite you to join us in this longstanding legacy of faith as a founding member of the Sustaining Grace Society.



Throughout the Holy Scriptures, the Oak Tree is associated with strength, endurance, and long life.

The foundation of the 150th Anniversary Sustaining Grace Initiative is a new unrestricted permanent fund established by the Vestry in 2021. Our goal is to secure \$10 million in outright and legacy gifts to build the Sustaining Grace Fund—a permanent fund designed to provide short-term

flexibility and long-term sustainability for the care and growth of Grace Episcopal Church. All donors who make an outright and/or legacy gift to the Sustaining Grace Fund will be



recognized as founding members of our Sustaining Grace Society. Moreover, by formalizing your outright and/or planned gifts now, you can power our efforts to build this permanent fund.

As a visual symbol for Sustaining Grace, we could think of none better than the majestic oak tree that stands at the heart of our Church's beautiful grounds, associated in the Holy Scriptures as representing strength, long life, and enduring faith. This is our hope for Grace Episcopal Church.

We look forward to discussing philanthropic giving options available to you, including gifts through stocks, donor-advised funds, family foundations, and qualified charitable distributions.

This is our Church community, and we thank you for supporting Sustaining Grace.

*Lex Brainerd, Diana G. Deen,
Mark Linder, Ken Moll,
David Moreland, and
Frank Wentworth*

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WE ARE MANY PARTS
WE ARE ALL ONE BODY.
AND THE GIFTS WE HAVE,
WE WERE GIVEN TO SHARE.
MAY THE SPIRIT OF LOVE
MAKE US ONE INDEED.

*From the hymn
"We Are Many Parts" by Marty Haugan*



Why?

Why do we want to build a permanent fund of \$10 million?

The investment earnings generated by a \$10 million fund will provide a reliable, ongoing source of income to support the annual budget of the church. This funding will ensure we always have the resources necessary to sustain our beautiful buildings and grounds, ensuring we do not neglect critical maintenance that might threaten their pristine condition. Moreover, the fund will allow us to grow our mission of ministry and pastoral care, and expand our capacity for outreach.

Mission and Outreach

Our vision is to provide supplemental funds to the annual operating budget dedicated to the mission and outreach of the church. Distributions from the Sustaining Grace Fund shall be at the direction of the Vestry and will be used solely for the following purposes:

- Church operations, as specified in a budget approved by the Vestry,
- Capital improvements approved by the Vestry,
- Outreach ministries, grants, and other activities,
- Financial support for new ministries, initiatives, and special projects, and
- Such other purposes as determined by the Vestry to be desirable to sustain the financial well-being and stability of the Church or to further support the mission of the Church.

These distributions will be complementary to the primary income generated from annual stewardship support and from facilities rentals, fundraising events, and grants.

Will the Sustaining Grace Initiative replace the need for the Stewardship Campaign?

Not at all! God has called us as individuals in His Kingdom to give our tithes and offerings to Him every year. Grace Church will always seek for members to give annually to God's work in and through the church. Annual Giving historically comprised over 85% or more of our annual operating budget. For 2023 and beyond, we are striving to diversify sources of income.

Preserving Our Beautiful Campus

In 2021, the Vestry commissioned a study to assess church property—Bourn Hall, the Sanctuary, the Rectory, and the grounds—and identify the actions necessary to maintain these assets in good condition. The study set forth a maintenance schedule required for 181 specific fixed assets, each valued at more than \$3,000, and with an aggregate current replacement cost of \$3.9 million. The \$10 million Sustaining Grace Fund is expected to be sufficient to provide the investments necessary to follow the recommended 40-year repair and replacement schedule. The fund will ensure our maintenance projects proceed as planned, and avoid the crisis of attempting to raise the required capital investments on an annual basis.





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I love the vision of Sustaining Grace where together we can lay a foundation for God's work here for the next 150 years.”

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How will the Sustaining Grace Fund make a difference?

At the discretion of the Vestry, up to 5% of the income earned from the Sustaining Grace Fund can be used to support the annual operating budget. Assuming we can raise \$10 million for the permanent Sustaining Grace Fund by 2025 and anticipating a 6% return on investment, the amount available to support the annual budget would be sufficient to meet the investment needs for our building and grounds, as well as our mission and outreach. Furthermore, these are funds that keep on giving, due to the compound growth of the fund over the longterm. With your help, the fund will serve to support the mission and outreach of the church for the next 150 years.



From Reverend Amy Denney Zuniga

“The Sustaining Grace Initiative is about the gift we can give to the future. In the western world, Christianity is at a turning point. This generation has the opportunity to pass on to future generations the legacy of faithfulness, inspiration, and strength we have found here. We can remove from future generations the burden—really a mortgage—of the upkeep of the buildings and leave them resources

to respond with flexibility and creativity to the needs of their time, which we cannot yet imagine. We have the chance to be the hinge between the past and the future. We each have a part to play—no matter the size of the gift—in Sustaining Grace for the next 150 years.”



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Grace Church has been an incredibly important part of our life and our spiritual journey. We want to make sure that this wonderful community continues for the next hundred years. We believe that by making a gift now to the Sustaining Grace Fund, as well as including the Sustaining Grace Fund in our estate plan, we will be contributing to Grace's long-range future and helping to ensure that Grace will be a blessing to future generations that it has been to us. We hope that others will join us in this very important and exciting effort.”

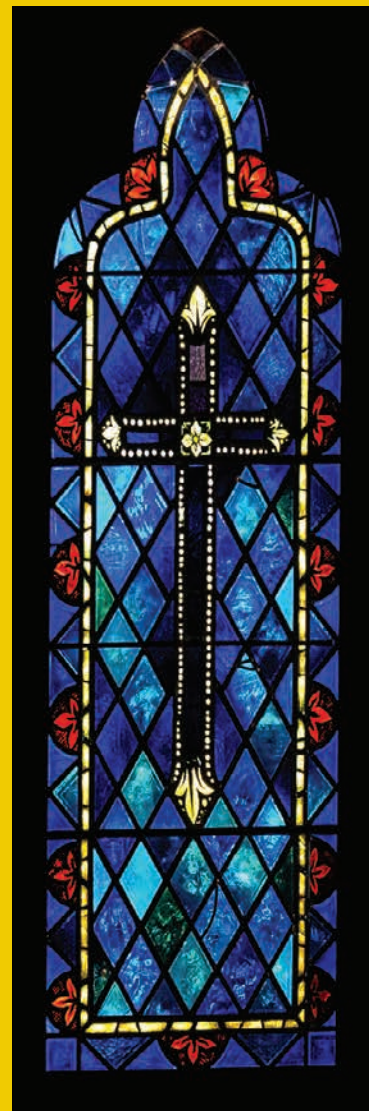
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Appeal

Grace Episcopal Church is our home, our centering space and source of God's sustaining grace in our lives. Our Church, in turn, has been sustained by the prayers, faith, and giving from the many whose lives have been touched by God through this place over the last 150 years.

Now we must look forward to ensure the future of Grace Church – its presence and ministry – will be the spiritual home for generations to come.

A circle is growing of those who share in this vision. At a time like this, speaking of what is important to us, what we value most, and what we want our legacy to be, can truly serve to comfort and inspire. For this reason, we invite you to join us in contributing to your legacy through the Sustaining Grace Fund – through a gift that keeps on giving to the Kingdom of God on Earth.



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We focus less on what we receive from the church than on what we can give to the community and the world. The Sustaining Grace Initiative will further that spiritual goal.”

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Sustaining Grace Society

After you notify us that you have made an outright gift or a provision for the Sustaining Grace Fund in your will, trust, donor-advised fund, insurance policy, or life-income vehicle, we will recognize your commitment by inviting you to join the Sustaining Grace Society, as follows:

- Unless you prefer to remain anonymous, you will, along with all members, be acknowledged every year in the Annual Report.
- Each year you will receive an invitation to a special members-only event, along with invitations to celebrations of Grace ministries.
- If you agree, we could make a video about you, so you can tell others your story about what inspired you to include the Sustaining Grace Fund in your estate plan.
- Your name will be listed on the Sustaining Grace Society member art installation.



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