



PC(USA) Affordable Housing Inventory

Empowering Congregations to Align Money and Mission

This growing list of PC(USA) properties having been or becoming wholly or partially transformed into affordable housing is a testament to the Holy Spirit continuing to work throughout the denomination. In the pages that follow, find inspiration and potential conversation partners in your own journey.

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Presbytery	Primary Entity	Pastor	Description	Start Date	Partners	More Info
Cascades	Presbytery of the Cascades (Former) Presbyterian Church of Laurelhurst	Rev. Brian Craker Transitional presbyter	In 2024, the Presbytery of the Cascades transferred ownership of one of its churches to the Future Generations Collective (FGC), an Indigenous-run non-profit, for \$1. FGC will use the land to create "Barbie's Village" -- six to ten tiny homes and a community center that will offer comprehensive support, including a day care and preschool, for Native American families experiencing homelessness.	2024		Barbie's dream houses Faith and Leadership
Cascades	First Presbyterian Church Portland, OR	Rev. Heidi Bolt (interim) hbolt@firstpresportland.org	A parking lot and FPC's Julia West House (an old building that had been used over the years for various ministries and mission) were sold to Community Development Partners to make space for affordable housing. Julia West House will provide 90 units of permanent supportive housing, featuring both studio and one-bedroom floor plans. The community is dedicated to serving houseless elders and BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) individuals earning 30% or less AMI (Area Median Income) and providing robust resident services tailored to household needs.	2018 Proposals received 2024 Ground Broken	Community Development Partners	Julia West Property Redevelopment – First Presbyterian Church of Portland (firstpresportland.org) Julia West House - Community Development Partners: Community Development Partners (communitydevpartners.com)
Cascades	Salem First Presbyterian Church, Salem, OR	Rev. Greg Bolt greg@salemfpc.org	YMCA leaders struck a deal with Salem First Presbyterian Church for a long-term lease to build on the southwest corner of the church's lot (in addition to utilizing their own adjacent property). The building created affordable housing for veterans.	2022		Salem veteran housing project to break ground in May – Courtney Place

Longview Presbyterian Church

Olympia Presbytery

Washington state church donates land for affordable housing

With unanimous approval from Olympia Presbytery, Longview Presbyterian Church in Longview, Washington, donated a 2-acre vacant lot adjacent to the church property to Housing Opportunities of Southwest Washington (HOSWWA). The land will provide space for 48 affordable housing units, about half of which will be reserved for people transitioning from homelessness.

"Our city is going through a housing crisis," agreed previous co-pastors of Longview, the Revs. Dexter and Liz Kearny. "There is not enough housing for the number of people who live here, and we have a very high homeless population in town. Our session put together a task force with the blessing of the congregation to pursue different options."

After years of discernment, in 2018 the affordable housing task force at Longview Presbyterian connected with HOSWWA through a member of the congregation who previously served on the organization's Board of Commissioners.

The shared vision and partnership between Longview and HOSWWA has developed into a project that will mix one-, two- and three-bedroom units in six to eight two-story buildings, surrounded by a small courtyard and children's play area. To provide as much green space as possible, parking will be on the outer edge of the complex. A community building is planned to provide space for resident gatherings, community meetings, tutoring and possibly an early childhood education center.



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Cascades	Peace Presbyterian Church Eugene, OR	Rev. Glenn Edwards peacepresby@hotmail.com	<p>In January 2022, SquareOne Villages officially purchased 3.6 acres of land and roughly 9,000 sq. ft. of existing buildings from Peace Presbyterian Church at 3060 River Rd. in Eugene. The project, called "Peace Village Co-op," will include 70 units of affordable housing permanently affordable for 60% AMI (Area Median Income) or lower.</p> <p>Pastor Glenn Edwards explains, "Peace Presbyterian Church is a relatively small congregation and yet we are committed to making a big impact in our neighborhood and community. We are excited to be working with SquareOne to create this housing."</p> <p>While Peace Presbyterian Church played a critical role in making this housing opportunity possible, it is not directly affiliated with Peace Village Co-op.</p>		Square One	U.S. churches transform land into affordable housing (goodgoodgood.co)
Charlotte	Caldwell Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, NC	Rev. Dr. John Cleghorn jcleghorn@caldwellpresby.org	<p>In 2019, in response to Charlotte's housing crisis, Caldwell Presbyterian members and supporters pledged \$750,000 to work in conjunction with other Charlotte agencies to transform one of their existing buildings into 21 affordable housing units. Caldwell is converting a century-old building, for decades used for Christian Education and later as a preschool, on its 1.3-acre property located 1.5 miles from center-city Charlotte. The property will be known as Easter's Home, named for a woman enslaved by the Caldwell family.</p> <p>Easter's Home will help meet the city's dire need for very low-income housing, by providing housing to those meeting the income limits at 30% and 50% of the area median income. Residents will sign leases and pay rent typically based on 30% of adjusted monthly income. The remainder of the rent is paid through federal housing assistance. Caldwell will receive no income from the housing, though they are part owners (with DreamKey) of Easter's Home as a limited liability company.</p> <p>They've leased the property from the presbytery for a nominal amount for 50 years for the purpose of affordable housing. They've also partnered with Roof Above to manage operations and provide supportive services needed.</p>	<p>2019</p> <p>Raising funds in 2022-24</p> <p>Scheduled to be completed by 2025</p>	<p>DreamKey Partners (developer)</p> <p>Roof Above</p> <p>L.E.A.P (Lived Experience Advisory Panel)</p>	<p>Easter's Home: Where We Are, Where God is Moving Us – Caldwell Presbyterian Church</p> <p>John Cleghorn, Building Belonging, 48-52; 82-84; 136; 150-153</p>
Charlotte	Covenant Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, NC	Rev. Bob Henderson bob.henderson@covenantpresby.org	<p>(Investment in properties off actual church campus)</p> <p>The congregation has invested in housing in various categories: purchased a local condominium complex and turned it into 5 units of affordable housing by subleasing the apartments to an agency that provides wraparound services and job training. They've also become an investor in an affordable housing complex by investing \$2 million. They opted to make a lower rate of return (2% instead of 12%) in order to drive down rents, targeting 40-60% AMI (Area Media Income) renters.</p> <p>The church has made an investment in 2 permanent supportive housing properties for those in the 0-30% AMI range. Additionally, they have purchased large tracts of land for Habitat for Humanity.</p>	2009-present	Non-profit developers who share values, interested in targeting the same demographic	<p>Covenant Presbyterian Church - Charlotte, NC - Moore Place</p> <p>https://www.ntheadlines.com/releases/covenant-presbyterian-invests-in-affordable-housing</p> <p>John Cleghorn, Building Belonging, 85.</p>

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Charlotte	Grier Heights Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, NC	grierheights@bellsouth.net	*See also, Myers Park In October of 2018, Grier Heights joined CrossRoads, Antioch Baptist Church, and Myers Park Presbyterian Church in making a zero-interest loan of just under \$1 million to the Charlotte Mecklenburg Housing Partnership to acquire a parcel of land in Grier Heights to develop truly affordable multi-family housing.	2018	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Housing Partnership	GHPC (grierheightspsc.org)
Charlotte	Myers Park Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, NC	Rev. Joe Clifford jclifford@myersparkpres.org	*See also, Grier Heights In October of 2018, the Session voted unanimously to join CrossRoads, Antioch Baptist Church, and Grier Heights Presbyterian Church in making a zero-interest loan of just under \$1 million to the Charlotte Mecklenburg Housing Partnership to acquire a parcel of land in Grier Heights to develop truly affordable multi-family housing.	2018		Advancing Affordable Housing in Grier Heights - Myers Park Presbyterian Church
Charlotte	Newell Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, NC	Rev. Matt Conner newellpresby@yahoo.com	The congregation recognized that too much of their annual income was going to building upkeep. Their plan is to use five of their ten acres to create 50 affordable, for-sale homes. This will be a mix of townhomes and duet cottages for those earning 60-80% AMI (Area Median Income). Income from sale of the project will supplement congregation's offerings.	2023	DreamKey Partners	Charlotte church and developer advance affordable housing project; city hungers for more (msn.com) John Cleghorn, Building Belonging , 2-3.

Mountain View United Church

Presbytery of Denver

Stable housing is the foundation for a successful life

To help solve the affordable housing crisis in Metro Denver, the Interfaith Alliance of Colorado sought the help of churches through a congregation land campaign. The alliance's pitch: In the Metro area there are 5,000 acres of unused land owned by faith communities that could be leveraged for housing. When Mountain View United Church in Aurora heard about the land campaign, it decided, in its lead pastor's words, "to run with it."

"OK, they need land. We have 2 acres," said their pastor, the Rev. Dr. Tracy Hughes. "We understand that as not ours, but a gift from God to be shared for the common good."

Initially there was lots of pushback from Mountain View neighbors for the project, which the church began to work on in 2018. While many neighbors supported Habitat and affordable housing, they didn't want it in their neighborhood. But then, the Presbytery of Denver got involved.

According to the Rev. Fernando Rodríguez, the Presbytery of Denver's associate presbyter for mission, when the presbytery's Matthew 25 group became involved, it put even more people working toward the finalization for the project. For group member Jean Demmler, the Matthew 25 vision provided an opportunity for the presbytery to really address structural change. One of the first things they did was write a letter to the Aurora City Council. When one of their pastors at the time, the Rev. Wayne Laws, told them they needed neighbors to provide testimonies, several ministers and ruling elders from churches in Aurora got involved, writing emails and testifying in front of the city council. Ultimately the land will house 20 affordable homes for working families.



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Charlotte	Trinity Presbyterian Church	Church Office: 704.366.3554	The congregation commissioned a “Way Forward Task Force” to discern a Spirit-led vision for the church and its facilities, particularly how to best use land to serve the church’s mission now and into the future. The Task Force presented a wish list of mission-driven components for land use (called “The Village at Trinity”), which includes a plan for affordable housing in the form of apartments/condos/townhomes.	2023	Presbyterian Foundation Give Impact	The Way Forward Task Force – Updates for the members of Trinity Presbyterian Church
Chicago	Friendship Presbyterian Church, Chicago, IL	Rev. Shawna Bowman shawna@fpchicago.org	In collaboration with neighbors and non-profit developer, Full Circle Communities, Friendship brought 75 units of affordable housing, including a community center in the building. When the building opened in 2022, Friendship moved in and began a new not-for-profit called Friendship Community Place, which offers programming and resources that meet the needs of neighbors in the building and beyond.	2018	Full Circle Communities	John Cleghorn, Building Belonging , 113-115. From a train station to a storefront theater to home Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
de Cristo	Mission del Sol Presbyterian Church, Tempe, AZ	Rev. Kelsy Brown	The church hopes to create affordable housing for families, individuals, and seniors through grants and donations.			https://missiondelsol.org/serve/casa-del-sol-affordable-housing
Denver	First Presbyterian Church of Brighton, CO	Rev. Dr. Christopher Spotts chris@brightonfirstpres.org	The church sold 5 acres of land for a discount to Brighton Housing Authority. The land will be used for 102 units of affordable housing.	2024	Real Estate 501c3 Brighton Housing Authority	https://shanebohert.com/firstpresbyterianchurchbrighton https://www.brightonhousingauthority.org/on-the-drawing-board
Denver	Mountain View United* Church, Denver, CO *ecumenical church affiliated with PC(USA), UMC, and UCC	Rev. Dr. Tracy Hughes revtracy@mtviewunited.org	The church owns a 2-acre vacant lot next to the church. After 18 months of visioning and discernment, they entered into a formal partnership with Habitat For Humanity Metro Denver to construct 20 owner-occupied affordable homes for working families, many of whom are essential workers, on the vacant lot. The land is being leased by Mountain View PC.	2021	Interfaith Alliance of Colorado’s “Congregation Land Campaign” (CLC) Habitat for Humanity	‘Stable housing is the foundation for a successful life’ Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Inland Northwest	Bethany Presbyterian Church, Spokane, WA	Rev. Amy Seymour (temporary pastor) Pastor@BethanySpokane.org	Bethany’s building was destroyed by fire in January of 2022. At the end of 2023 the church went before the city council to share plans for creating affordable housing units on the property. They began the permitting process in January of 2024 for 25 affordable housing units. Bethany has been granted \$2 million from the City of Spokane and \$3 million from Federal Home Loan Bank to build two units on their property. These will serve 30% Area Median Income (AMI), 50% AMI and 60% AMI households exiting homelessness, at-risk of homelessness, and seniors.	2023	Thrive International Proclaim Liberty ZBA architects Kiemle and Hagood (commercial real estate)	Discernment Bethany Presbyterian (bethanyspokane.org)
Lake Michigan	Spring Lake Presbyterian Church, Spring Lake, MI	Rev. Dan Anderson info@slpc.org	The church sold two acres to Samaritas of Spring Lake, who are developing a 53-unit affordable housing rental project next to the church’s playground.	2024	Developer: Samaritas	How a church’s vision is supporting affordable housing in Spring Lake (secondwavemedia.com)

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Lehigh	First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem, Bethlehem, PA	Rev. Lindsey Altvater Clifton clifton@fpc-bethlehem.org	The Building Community initiative is an endeavor to create a vision for the future of the church's property through a community-engaged planning process. The church selected COLLABO and Urban Ventures to lead this planning process alongside them and to ensure that it is inclusive, iterative, and centered on building trust and capacity for the next chapter of the church's story with a strong focus on mixed-income housing. The church plans to retain ownership of its property and pursue development as a joint-venture partner in the project.	2023-present	COLLABO Urban Ventures	Building Community - First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem
National Capital	Arlington Presbyterian Church, Arlington, VA	Rev. Ashley Goff agoff@arlingtonpresbyterian.org	Years of discernment led to APC selling their building and land to Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing in order to build affordable housing, addressing the housing crisis in Arlington County. Gilliam Place is a 173-unit affordable housing community where APC leases office and worship space in a 3000 square foot build-out on the ground level. The church bought back a parcel of the property where they now host a community garden and gathering space.	2014- congregation voted to sell building/land to APAH 2019 – congregation moved into ground level of Gilliam Place	Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing (APAH)	Amid a Housing Crunch, Religious Groups Unlock Land to Build Homes - The New York Times How One Church Tackled Its Community's Affordable Housing Crisis Sojourners "When God's Call is Bigger than a Building" -Ashley Goff, in Gone for Good? (Mark Elsdon)
National Capital	Clarendon Presbyterian Church, Arlington, VA	Rev. Alice Rose Tewell aliceclarendonpastor@gmail.com	In 2022, the congregation voted to partner with Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing (APAH) and has proposed a 5-to-6-year path to redevelop their property less than half a mile from the Clarendon Metro station. This will include separate affordable housing run by APAH open to all seniors, with design elements and programming that would be welcoming especially to LGBTQ+ seniors.	2022-present	Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing (APAH)	Clarendon Presbyterian Church Redevelopment Project

First Presbyterian Church of Hayward

San Francisco Presbytery

Tiny homes and a community shelter

One night several years ago, the then pastor, the Rev. Jake Medcalf, was at First Presbyterian Church of Hayward in Castro Valley, CA, working on his sermon. A man about his age came to the door on that cold, rainy night, asking for a blanket, which Medcalf managed to locate. The man went on his way, but Medcalf "looked around at our spaces and felt convicted" and thought, "We have so many resources. We've got to do better than this."

Did they ever. Today the church gym shelters up to 75 people each night and the church gave up 14 of its parking spaces to construct six tiny homes. Each Sunday before the pandemic, Medcalf was seeing up to 150 people in worship on Sunday — in a church that has 85 people on staff, because Alameda County, which is southeast of Oakland and northeast of San Jose, pays the church \$1.8 million annually to shelter people who need a place to stay at night.

"I have come to a place where to me housing is a human right," Medcalf said. "Every single one of God's children deserves to have a roof overhead by right, not by cash flow. If we don't do that work as a faith community, we are condemning people to die on the streets."

"The congregation engaged where Jesus would have us engage," he said. "From a congregational vitality standpoint, once you turn outward to figure out what your community is experiencing and how you enter that community and become part of it, it just happens. Our congregation is more alive than they have ever been."



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National Capital	Fairfax Presbyterian Church, Fairfax, VA	Rev. Henry Brinton henry@fairfaxpresby.com Jerry Hopkins jhop2020@gmail.com	<p>Through a partnership with three other mission-focused organizations with affordable housing expertise, the church seeks to lease a portion of the northeast corner of the church's property to provide affordable land for eight family-owned homes and two transitional homes.</p> <p>These partnerships will enable the construction of ten three-bedroom town homes at affordable prices, called Glebe View.</p> <p>National Capital Presbytery (NCP) will lease the land at \$1/year. Eight homes will be managed by Habitat; two by HomeStretch.</p> <p>NCP will lease the land to a Virginia nonprofit corporation created and controlled by Fairfax Presbyterian Church (FPC). This FPC-controlled entity will sublease the land at a nominal fee to Habitat NOVA. Habitat NOVA will act as the developer of the land. Homestretch will be granted two of the structures with a nominal annual lease from Habitat NOVA as sub lessor. Once the Habitat NOVA homeowners are selected for the remaining eight homes, each homeowner will purchase the structure with an affordable mortgage. The homeowner will then lease the land on which the structure stands from the FPC entity at a nominal fee.</p>	<p>2022-present</p> <p>2025 – hope to begin construction</p>	<p>HabitatNOVA (building expertise)</p> <p>HomeAid (provide building materials and tradesman expertise at reduced prices)</p> <p>HomeStretch (experience in property management for the two transitional homes).</p>	<p>Affordable Housing Initiative (fairfaxpresbyterian.org)</p> <p>John Cleghorn, Building Belonging, 111-113.</p>
National Capital	Fairlington Presbyterian Church, Alexandria, VA	Rev. Juli Wilson-Black pastor@fpcusa.org	<p>The congregation sold a portion of their parking lot to develop a high-quality, affordable rental housing building of 81 units on the site, called The Waypoint at Fairlington.</p> <p>The Waypoint offers 3 studio, 12 one-bedroom, 49 two-bedroom, and 17 three-bedroom apartments for households whose income is at or below 60% of the Area Median Income (AMI). There are also nine deeply subsidized (through the City of Alexandria) apartments.</p> <p>The congregation funded repairs to its building with income from the sale of the land and also hired a staff member dedicated to community outreach.</p>	<p>2017 – congregation voted to sell part of parking lot to WHDC</p> <p>2020 – Ground-breaking</p> <p>2022 – Opening</p>	<p>Wesley Housing Development Corporation (WHDC)</p> <p>http://www.wesleyhousing.org/</p>	<p>Fairlington Presbyterian Church The Waypoint at Fairlington</p> <p>Groundbreaking Ceremony</p> <p>Wesley Housing Opens The Waypoint at Fairlington – Alexandria's Newest Affordable Multifamily Community - Wesley Housing Building Up Non-Profit Affordable Housing in Washington D.C., Metro, Maryland, Virginia</p> <p>John Cleghorn, Building Belonging, 119-121.</p>

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National Capital	Immanuel Presbyterian Church, McLean, VA	Rev. Aaron Fulp-Eickstaedt office@ipcmclean.org	<p>*See also, Lewinsville Presbyterian Church</p> <p>In 2007, three faith communities [including Lewinsville Pres., McLean, VA] came together with a common goal to build a home for older persons of all financial means.</p> <p>The \$13.5 million project involved a partnership with the Lewinsville and Immanuel Presbyterian churches and Temple Rodef Shalom. Local and federal grants provided \$12 million, and the religious groups raised the remainder. The land was donated by National Capital Presbytery when Chesterbrook Presbyterian Church dissolved. . . Local faith groups propose using properties for affordable housing, county officials say Reston Now</p> <p>Chesterbrook Residences opened its doors in October 2007. It is the first and only mixed income assisted living facility in Fairfax County. Chesterbrook has 97 apartments, with 55% offered to low-income seniors at below market rates. Ongoing fundraising events assure that no resident needs to leave because of financial concerns. Immanuel continues to partner and members continue to volunteer at Chesterbrook. Chesterbrook Residences - Immanuel Presbyterian Church (ipcmclean.org)</p>	2007		<p>Local faith groups propose using properties for affordable housing, county officials say Reston Now</p> <p>Chesterbrook Residences –</p>
National Capital	Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, McLean, VA	Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey scott@lewinsville.org	<p>*See also, Immanuel Presbyterian Church</p> <p>The Lewinsville Retirement Residence (The Lewinsville) was formed as a nonprofit corporation in 1975 by Lewinsville Church and opened in September 1980. All active Lewinsville members are members of Lewinsville Retirement Residence, Inc., the corporation that owns and operates The Lewinsville, and participate in its Annual Meeting.</p> <p>The Lewinsville has 161 apartments housing approximately 165 residents, who all receive some rental subsidy from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Section 8 Housing Program or the Fairfax County Affordable Dwelling Unit Program. Residents are diverse both ethnically and by age.</p> <p>See Immanuel Presbyterian Church re. Chesterbrook Residences.</p>	1980 2007		<p>Local faith groups propose using properties for affordable housing, county officials say Reston Now</p> <p>The Lewinsville McLean, VA Welcome Home</p> <p>Chesterbrook Residences –</p>
National Capital	Northwood Presbyterian Church, Silver Spring, MD	Rev. Dr. Chris Deacon office@northwoodchurch.org		2024 in discernment process		Church pews are sitting empty. Can they become affordable housing? - The Washington Post
National Capital	Westminster Presbyterian Church, Washington, D.C.	Rev. Brian Hamilton beh@westminsterdc.org	<p>The congregation will move out of its current building and repurpose the land for affordable housing for seniors (55+): 123 junior and one-bedroom apartments serving those below the 60% of Median Family Income (MFI). They hope to provide these units at the 30-50% MFI if funding is available. The church is forming a joint venture with Dante Partners to own the affordable housing.</p> <p>The new building will include a smaller sanctuary, gathering space, and space for musicians and artists.</p>	2022	Dante Partners District of Columbia	<p>Our Redevelopment (westminsterdc.org)</p> <p>Three churches share their stories of housing God's children o Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)</p> <p>John Cleghorn, Building Belonging, 2; 115-116.</p>

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New Hope	Presbytery of New Hope	Executive Presbyter, Rev. Dr. Bruce Grady bgrady@nhpresbytery.org	Completed in 2024, Milner Commons provides 156 units of affordable housing for individuals aged 55+. This will be on the land once occupied by Milner Memorial Presbyterian Church.	2019	DHIC, Inc.	Milner-Press-Release-2019-2.pdf (dhic.org) Transformation Begins on the Future Milner Commons Community - (dhic.org)
New York City	First Presbyterian Church in Jamaica, Queens, NY	Rev. Patrick O'Connor (718) 526-4775 x252	The church entered a partnership with First Jamaica Community Urban Development Corporation to construct a 12-story building with 174 affordable housing for residents at 50 to 120 percent of the area median income. FPC Jamaica operates a community facility component within the structure.	2021	First Jamaica Community Urban Development Corporation	About – First Presbyterian Church (firstchurchjamaica.org) Housing Lottery Launches for Tree of Life, at 89-46 164th Street in Jamaica, Queens - New York YIMBY
Olympia	Longview Presbyterian Church, Longview, WA	Rev. Dave Emery (transition pastor) office@longviewpres.org	The church donated a 2-acre vacant lot adjacent to the church property to Housing Opportunities of Southwest Washington (HOSWWA) . The land will provide space for 48 affordable housing units, about half of which will be reserved for people transitioning from homelessness.	2020	Housing Opportunities of Southwest Washington (HOSWWA)	Washington state church donates land for affordable housing Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) https://hoswwa.org/groundbreaking-ceremony-for-sunrise-village/

Westminster Presbyterian Church

National Capital Presbytery

The downside of urban ‘renewal’ in the nation’s capital

Situated about 10 blocks from the U.S. Capitol building, Westminster Presbyterian Church has been working for years on a problem that began just after World War II, when the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development moved to get rid of blighted neighborhoods around the Capitol and the National Mall. This affected about 36,000 residents, according to Westminster’s pastor, the Rev. Brian Hamilton. Most congregations decided to leave along with most of the affected residents, but Westminster decided to stay, even though the government used eminent domain to drive the church from its former location.

Westminster purchased some property and later discovered it had equity because of its now in-demand location. The congregation discerned that this land could be put to good use for neighbors in need of homes. They partnered with a developer to construct 123 junior and one-bedroom apartments serving seniors aged 55 and older earning 50% or less of the area median income. A second building is also planned to house about 100 apartments for families earning 60% or less of the area median income. Hamilton notes, “We are trying to figure out how to have deeper impact, and housing is always embedded in anti-racist conversation. We understand we are all in this together.”

The first building will also hold space for the congregation, including a sanctuary and a gathering space. Also important to the church is the inclusion of room for the musicians and artists its nonprofit mission affiliate has hosted every Friday night for the community for some years now.



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Olympia	Westminster Presbyterian Church, Olympia, WA	Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk, Rev. Shari Jackson Monson ep@olympres.org 253.405.2795	The Hope Village—comprising eight tiny homes, a community kitchen, gathering area, and administrative office—exists to provide transitional housing and support to folks in the greater Thurston County areas who are walking the difficult road of housing insecurity. It was founded in partnership with the city of Olympia.	2019	City of Olympia Catholic Community Services	Hope Village Westminster Presbyte (wpcofy.org)
Pacific	Pacific Presbytery	Rev. Heidi Worthen-Gamble heidi@pacificpresbytery.org	In 2012, Pacific Presbytery committed to advocating, fundraising and building ten houses on Globe Avenue in Culver City in partnership with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles. In 2014, they launched a fundraising effort presbytery-wide over two years that raised \$250,000 for the Culver City build. In 2018, Habitat broke ground and Pacific Presbytery sent volunteer teams every last Saturday of the month for two years to build the homes, which were completed in 2020. A total of 33 Presbytery of the Pacific churches supported the Culver City Habitat Build. There are now 10 Habitat homes across from Culver City Presbyterian Church built largely by area corporations, civic organizations, and faith-based coalitions, the first affordable housing build on the Westside of Los Angeles in Habitat for Humanity's history.	2012	Habitat for Humanity LA Voice Who We Are - LA Voice The Arroyo Group	Homeless & Housing Task Force - Presbytery of the Pacific (pacificpresbytery.org) Affordable Housing - Presbytery of the Pacific (pacificpresbytery.org)
Pacific	Westminster Presbyterian Church, Los Angeles, CA	Rev. Carlton Rhoden pastorrrhoden@wpcofla.org	Westminster L.A. already has a 56-unit senior housing complex opened in 2004. In the next 4-5 years, they hope to use part of their current building, a building they own next door, and part of the parking lot to build a three-story, 60-unit affordable housing property with some commercial space on the first floor.		LA Voice Who We Are - LA Voice	AFFORDABLE HOUSING – How The Church Is Preparing To Build Affordable Housing – WPCoFLA New Way Podcast My Site (newchurchnewway.org)
Peace River	Peace River Presbytery (See also, Presbytery of Tampa Bay)	Rev. Melana Scruggs, General Presbyter, Peace River Presbytery melana@peacriverpresbytery.org Rev. Holly Dillon, General Presbyter, Tampa Bay Presbytery holly@pbty.com	Since the mid-sixties, Presbyterian Homes and Housing Foundation of Florida, Inc. (PHHF) has provided quality, affordable communities for seniors and families in West Central Florida. Sponsored by the Presbytery of Tampa Bay and the Peace River Presbytery, PHHF strives to provide seniors and families with affordable homes. PHHF develops and operates rental communities for moderate, low, very-low and extremely low income persons. As one of the largest not-for-profit providers of low-income elderly housing in Florida, PHHF offers communities with a high standard of quality for an affordable price.	Mid-1960's		PresbyteryHomesAndHousing.pdf PHHF
Philadelphia	New River Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, PA	Rev. Eustacia Moffett Marshall newriverpres@gmail.com	The church is a union of three, historic Philadelphia churches who plan to take the land adjacent to their church to be developed into 40 affordable, moderate, and market-rate housing units; commercial on ground floor. Their plan is to form a 501(c)3 and fund the majority of the project with tax credits and grants. The mortgage will be covered by income from rents (building pays for itself). The 501(c)3 will grant income generated from rents to New River.	2023		Three historic Black churches come together to make a new congregation Faith and Leadership
Philadelphia	Presbytery of Philadelphia	Executive Presbyter, Rev. Ruth Faith Santana-Grace 215.242.1400	Using the property of the former Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, the Presbytery of Philadelphia created affordable housing for seniors. New River Presbyterian Church will ground lease the land to the developer and provide some social services and care for the residents in that complex.	2022	Pennrose Developers Wynnefield Overbrook Revitalization Corporation	Pennrose Celebrates Groundbreaking of Good Shepherd, Affordable Senior Housing in Philadelphia

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San Francisco	First Presbyterian Church of Hayward, Castro Valley, CA	Rev. Hallie Hottle hallie@firstpreshayward.com	The church turned 14 of its parking spaces into six tiny homes for those needing transitional housing. These homes help individuals that are unhoused transition to permanent housing. Participants are eligible to stay for up to 18 months in the program. The Tiny Homes Program saves the program fees and banks the rest of a tenant's rent in a savings account to support the move to a permanent housing solution upon leaving.		Firm Foundation Community Housing HomeAid Co-Build Construction	Tiny Homes — FirstPres Hayward Three churches share their stories of housing God's children Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) John Cleghorn, Building Belonging , 100-102.
San Francisco	Grace Presbyterian Church, Walnut Creek, CA	Rev. Mark Burnham mark@gracewc.org	The suburban church used part of its parking lot to develop six, factory-built units of affordable housing for seniors, called Hope Village. Grace leased the land to their partner in this process, Hope Solutions, who will coordinate the rental and support of those living in Hope Village. Shared amenities, including an outdoor patio, a fully-equipped laundry facility, and an on-site office for social services will encourage a sense of community among residents. Residents will rent for one-third of their monthly income. *Grace also sold 2 acres of land for affordable housing for seniors back in the 1970s that still exists today.	2021 Residents scheduled to move in early 2025.	Hope Solutions HomeAid Northern CA Pulte Group Firm Foundation Community Housing City of Walnut Creek	A New Beginning: Celebrating the Grand Opening of Hope Village in Walnut Creek - Hope Solutions Church Parking Lot Transformed Into Affordable Housing for Seniors Housing Finance Magazine

Caldwell Presbyterian Church

Charlotte Presbytery

Housing First at Easter's Home

In 2019, responding to Charlotte's housing crisis, through much prayer and discernment, Caldwell Presbyterian Church decided to transform one of its buildings into affordable housing. Stepping forward in faith, church members and supporters pledged about \$800,000 to begin the work of transforming their Christian Education building into 21 affordable housing units. Other funding for the building transformation came from a range of partners.

Acknowledging the history of the land owned by the church, the affordable housing property will be known as Easter's Home, named to honor a woman the Caldwell family enslaved.

Easter's Home will provide housing to those meeting the income limits at 30% and 50% of the area median income. According to Caldwell's pastor, the Rev. Dr. John Cleghorn, "The church chose a "housing first" model, which would serve mostly people coming off the streets with the existing challenges often found amid poverty—addiction, mental health challenges, and other needs. But the church knew that all were children of God."¹

In order to be in compliance with zoning requirements for this number of units, the church is connecting the apartment building directly to its main building. Caldwell has leased the property from Charlotte Presbytery for a nominal amount for 50 years for the purpose of affordable housing, partnering with the organization, Roof Above, to manage operations and provide supportive services needed.



¹ John Cleghorn, *Building Belonging: The Church's Call to Create Community & House our Neighbors* (Westminster John Knox Press, 2024), 52.

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Tampa Bay	Bel-Mar Presbyterian Church, Tampa, FL (now merged with Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church, Tampa, FL)	Rev. Dr. John T. DeBevoise (pastor at Palma Ceia) ask@palmaceia.org Rev. Holly Dillon, General Presbyter, Tampa Bay Presbytery holly@pbty.com	Prior to merging with Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church, Bel-Mar Presbyterian Church sold two acres that was developed into Casa Bel-Mar, providing 100 units of much needed affordable housing in South Tampa. 75 of the 100 units are reserved for residents using housing choice vouchers, also known as Section 8.	2023		A new affordable housing development is coming to South Tampa WUSF
Tampa Bay	Presbytery of Tampa Bay (See also Peace River Presbytery)	Rev. Holly Dillon, General Presbyter, Tampa Bay Presbytery holly@pbty.com Rev. Melana Scruggs, General Presbyter, Peace River Presbytery melana@peacriverpresbytery.org	Since the mid-sixties, Presbyterian Homes and Housing Foundation of Florida, Inc. (PHHF) has provided quality, affordable communities for seniors and families in West Central Florida. Sponsored by the Presbytery of Tampa Bay and the Peace River Presbytery, PHHF strives to provide seniors and families with affordable homes. PHHF develops and operates rental communities for moderate, low, very-low and extremely low income persons. As one of the largest not-for-profit providers of low-income elderly housing in Florida, PHHF offers communities with a high standard of quality for an affordable price.	Mid-1960's		PresbyteryHomesAndHousing.pdf PHHF
Wyoming	Presbyterian Church of Jackson Hole, Jackson Hole, WY	Rev. Ben Pascal bpascal@pcjh.org Campaign Committee: Wes Lucas weswluccas@hotmail.com	With the growing cost of living in the area making affordable housing for church staff untenable, the church is investing in building 21 townhomes on their land to house staff and eventually others in the community.	Ground-breaking in 2025	Greenspur	Building For Our Future - Presbyterian Church of Jackson Hole (pcjh.org)



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