
HOPE CHURCH

denver, colorado

July 27, 2025

Dear Hope,

Throughout this past ministry year many of you have given, volunteered and prayed to see Hope...

- 1. Share our campus with others for the good of our community and rental income for the church.**
Celebrate: Bloom Church worshiped and officed with us for their 13th year, Reclamation Church met in our Sanctuary on Sunday nights until moving to Harvard Gulch in February, Washington Park Early Learning Center (WPELC) renovated our West Wing in the fall and began hosting children M-F in January, 1 of 3 empty offices has been rented and our cottage continues to have great tenants who help with lawncare.
- 2. See everyone love and pray for one friend who doesn't yet have a relationship with God.**
Celebrate: So many have been prayed for, taken out for meals, enjoyed bike rides, united with us in service projects, received meals, etc.
- 3. Open opportunities for everyone to serve including a new layer of volunteer leaders called Ministry Coordinators (i.e. what the Bible describes as deacons and deaconesses)**
Celebrate: In addition to many of you volunteering with our children, youth, Hope Groups, music, praying, etc., we have seen 10 people, to date, become volunteer ministry coordinators in various areas this year.

Well done! Thank you! Thank you, God!

After listening to many of you and praying for God's direction for next year, we are excited to share that we sense our King wants us to stay the course, growing deeper in the 3 ways described above.

So, seeking to help more people come to know and abide in Jesus in the days ahead, will you join us by

1. reflecting on and praying about the 3 goals above,
2. reviewing our re-structured budget on page 2 and
3. sharing your input along with your commitment to join in this vision (page 3) by Sunday 8/17?

Thank you for abiding in Jesus and uniting to help more people do the same until He comes again!

Love,

Dean Wertz

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BUDGET

For the new ministry year, our elders propose dividing our General Budget (left column below) into two funds (right column below); a Facility Fund resourced by rental income and a Ministry Fund resourced by tithes and offerings. This approach will direct all tithes and offerings to support our ministries, have our rental income cover our facility costs and help us clearly identify facility income and expenses for reporting purposes.

FY2025 General Budget			FY2026		
Facilities	\$52,300	16.6%	1) Facility Fund ¹	\$88,692	25.1%
Staff	\$212,811	67.7%			
Missions	\$24,120	7.7%			
Ministries	<u>\$24,990</u>	<u>8.0%</u>	2) Ministry Fund ²		
	\$314,221	100%	Staff ³	\$218,200	61.7%
			Missions ⁴	\$22,200	6.3%
			Ministries	<u>\$24,500</u>	<u>6.9%</u>
				\$264,900	74.9%
			Facility & Ministry	\$353,592	100%

¹ Facility costs will be funded by rental income, which we anticipate being \$88,692 based on lease agreements.

² Ministry costs will be funded by tithes and offerings.

³ We support 1 full-time staff (Lead Pastor) & 7 part-time staff (Worship, Children, Youth, Prayer/Hospitality, Communications, Tech and Lead Pastor’s Administrative Assistant)

⁴ We support 4 local and 6 global missionaries.

Overview. Recently, the elders, compensation team and budget team clarified a minimal staffing plan, considered financial realities and proposed an annual Ministry Budget of \$264,900 (approx. \$3,000 more than last year’s budget for our ministries, apart from facilities costs) to support the vision.

Positive. Since rental income will all go into the Facility Fund, this will increase the amount we can invest to steward our campus.

Problem. This change requires at least \$5,000 / month in additional tithes and offerings to the Ministry Fund because our General Fund has previously been subsidized by some of our rental income. This past year’s ministry costs (not including facility costs) would have been \$262,000. We anticipate the church will receive tithes and offerings, by the end of August, of approx. \$215,000.

All-Church Request. So, will you ask God how you and/or your household may contribute toward this need to adequately fund Hope? Would you ask Him if you could possibly give more each month beginning in September? Then, will you listen to His guidance, share with us on page 3 what you believe He wants you to give monthly and then do as He leads monthly this next year?

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MINISTRY PLAN AND BUDGET INPUT / BALLOT for Ministry Year 2026 (Sept. 1, 2025 – Aug. 31, 2026)

Please prayerfully answer the following questions and return your input by August 17 to:
an offering box; mail to: Hope Community Church, 1801 S. Logan St. Denver, CO 80210; or email a
digital copy to Amy Griggs, Hope's Treasurer, at finance@hopechurchdenver.org

- Your Name(s) _____
- Approximately, how long have you been united with Hope? _____
- Are you an official member or do you consider Hope your church family? _____
- Check here if you would like to receive an invitation to the next informal membership class. ____
- If you have anything to relay to Hope's elder team concerning our plan and/or next year's budget, please share your input here (use back if needed).

- Would you pray about your giving to Hope and, for planning purposes, relay what you sense the Lord wants you to give financially on a monthly or annual basis this next ministry year?
\$ _____ Comments: _____

- Do you approve of the budget proposed by the elders and the budget team? _____
If not, please explain.

- Check here if you would like information about stock giving, estate planning and/or other creative avenues to support Hope. ____

_____/_____
Your signature / Date

**Please communicate questions or comments to any of the following Budget Team members.
Complete and return this budget input & ballot on or before Sunday, August 17. Thank you!**

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