



# Steeple Stories

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## Giving Today, Giving Tomorrow

One of our fall events is the annual pledge drive, during which we invite the members and friends of North Shore Baptist Church to consider their plan for financial giving to the church in 2018. This year, we are going to be talking about two different kinds of giving, "Giving Today and Giving Tomorrow." Think of this as "Today Money" and "Tomorrow Money."



"Everyone has something to offer."

**Today Money** is what we usually think about at pledging time. It helps the church a lot when people are able to plan ahead and make a pledge, so the church can also plan ahead. If you let us know what you plan to give, we can anticipate the resources available for mission and ministry in the coming year.

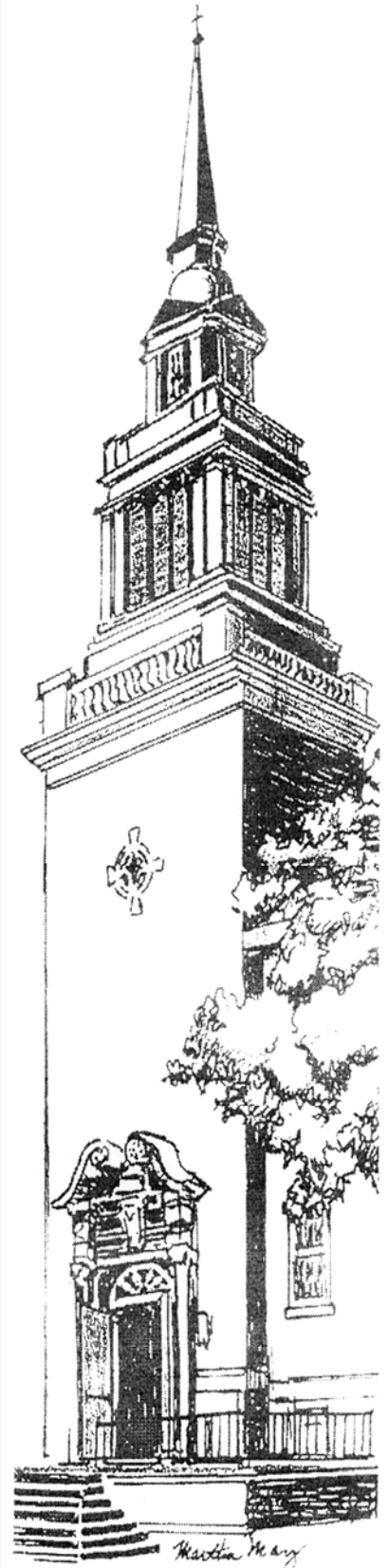
One of the great blessings of this church is that, because of our financial endowments, we can afford to be in ministry with everyone who comes. We don't have to "target" those who are financially well off, the way many churches do. Instead, we can include everyone, understanding that everyone has something to offer, in volunteer time, in passion and heart, in skills and experience they bring, and with whatever financial resources they have.

Of course, this does not mean that people don't need to give. Not at all! Annual pledged giving makes up a significant portion of our budget, and we are limited in our ministry when people do not give as much as they are able. But it is a sliding scale: what one person is able to pledge may be out of reach for another. So everyone is asked to pledge what they are able, and the ministry plans of the church will be made accordingly.

**Tomorrow Money** is the large, generational gifts people sometimes make, usually as part of their retirement and estate planning. With the aging of the baby boom generation, our culture is preparing for the largest transfer of wealth in history, the boomers passing on their legacies and inheritances. In our unequal society, some have little to pass on, others have comfortable nest eggs, still others have large estates. We want to spend some time this year talking about the opportunity people have to leave something of their estate, even something modest, to the church as a legacy. This legacy giving is "Tomorrow Money."

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Tomorrow Money is used for projects that transcend the years. The upcoming renovation of Howel Hall and the Sanctuary are good examples: the gifts that fund them will serve our ministry for decades to come. Another example is when someone contributes to the Wilber Warner Trust or another church endowment: that money is preserved permanently and the interest supports ongoing projects and programs. When someone leaves a portion of their estate to the church, even five or ten per cent, it is a gift that will contribute to the ongoing, thriving ministry of the church throughout the years.

Tomorrow Money and Today Money are intimately related. The reason we can afford to do so much important ministry Today — with refugees & immigrants, meaningful worship, disaster recovery, mission trips, musical events, pastoral care, workshops & teach-ins, retreats — is because past generations provided for us: we are all the beneficiaries of their Tomorrow Money. Tomorrow Money from the past pays for ministry Today. And we will be exploring how we all can participate in “paying it forward,” giving our own Tomorrow Money for the ministry of NSBC in the future.

So, right now, we are inviting you to think about your Today Money pledge: the more money we have pledged for the 2018 budget, the more ministry we can plan for. And in the coming weeks, we will be asking you to think about gifts and pledges of Tomorrow Money, and the many different ways you can support and contribute to the church and its ministries for years to come.

~ Pastor David Gregg

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## Pastoral Search Committee

After months of conversing with church members and collecting surveys, the Pastoral Search Committee has put together a church profile and English Language Pastor position description. We are now moving into the second phase of the search process, in which we receive and review applications.



Because of the crucial importance of confidentiality in this stage of the process, we likely will not have another Search Process update for at least several months. We ask that all members and friends of NSBC trust that the process is still moving along, and, for the time being, respect the seal of confidentiality by not asking search committee members for new information.

Below is the church overview that the Committee has developed. The full position description, which includes Roles and responsibilities, Qualifications, and How to Apply is available on our website, [www.northshorebaptist.org/blog/english-language-pastor-job-posting](http://www.northshorebaptist.org/blog/english-language-pastor-job-posting).

*Overview: North Shore Baptist Church is a multi-racial, multi-lingual, inclusive community of faith on Chicago's north side. We are one church, four congregations worshipping in English, Spanish, Japanese and Sgaw Karen, building the beloved community week by week. Our pastoral team of five works collaboratively to serve the needs of their congregations while nurturing the whole church through quarterly worship services, annual picnics, weekly coffee hours, and cross-congregational committees. We are anchored in our generous, historic building, which is buzzing throughout the week with community and church events alike. We are rooted in our Baptist faith. Our congregants come from near and far in the city and travel far and wide through mission, service, and ABC-USA engagement. We are proud to partner with neighborhood interfaith and ecumenical initiatives addressing the needs of the most vulnerable while building a stronger community, and to have commissioned many pastors and missionaries from our walls. With a strong sense of heritage and history we are focused on the present and the future. With a clear commitment to diversity and equity we seek to deepen engagement across differences and nurture community within each of our four congregations. Having been sustained by committed members and regular attendees, we ask anew what it means to truly serve our immediate neighbors.*



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# Hispanic Congregation Retreat 2017



We had a very exciting time at Camp Grow. It was our last time there so it was emotional, too! We had 52 people all together. We want to thank **Eggee** and **Ceci Linares** for doing a good job making sure this happened. We look forward for to next year in a different place.

## Faith In Action

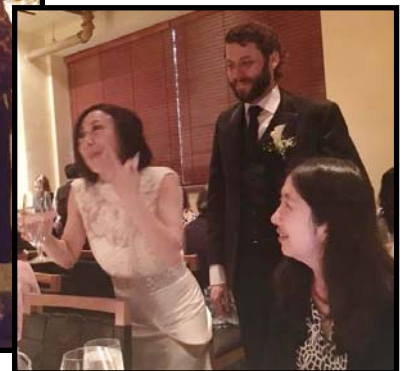


Pastor Kathryn, Maria Teresa Lopez, and Peggy Griffin participated in a march to support DACA recipients. The sign reads: "Ants can overcome any giant. They will crawl up the trunk of any elephant." (It sounds better in Spanish.)

## Wedding Bells



We celebrate **Lyka Takei's** wedding to Christian Hauer. Please keep Lyka in your prayers as she continues to receive cancer treatment.





# What's Up With Our Youth?

The youth group kicked off the 2017-18 year with a picnic and movie in the church courtyard on September 15. We continue to meet weekly, Fridays from 6-8:30pm. We will also be making our annual trip to the Abbey Farms corn maze in Aurora on October 21.



Above: We share our questions for God.

Right: We had a special, youth-in-training visitor at our last youth group. Youth took special care to include him in our activities!

This year, we will also be updating the youth room, taking out old furniture and creating a more open, flexible space for worship and games. The currently eggplant-colored walls will also likely take on a lighter hue.



## Yard Sale Success!

We received many compliments on the layout in the Centennial Garden from both members and our visitors at the annual LBRC Yard Sale on September 9 - more



friendly, less congested, easier to decide what to eat and more comfortable than being on the grass. We raised a total of

**\$1540.20** for our various mission projects. We sponsored four stations including: Bake Sale, Hispanic Women (empanadas, tamales, and pupusas), Karen food, and Hot dog/BBQ beef/pop. A huge thank you to all the talented hard workers who helped make the day a success!



## Unity Sunday



**November 5, 2017**

**10:30 am** - Sanctuary

*(All Language Groups)*

Luncheon - Noon - Howel Hall

*No Adventures in Learning Classes*

High among the great joys of life at North Shore Baptist Church are the Joint Worship services we share. We will again celebrate our unity on **November 5, 2017**, at **10:30 am** (note the time). Our preacher this year will be **Pastor Kathryn**, our Pastor of Discipleship. During worship, people will be asked to present their pledge cards for the 2018 budget, "Giving Today, Giving Tomorrow." A congregational luncheon will follow. Please plan to attend and celebrate our multi-lingual, multi-cultural Unity!



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*"You aspire to great things? Begin with little ones."  
—St. Augustine*



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## Come, Follow Me

The 2017 World Mission Offering theme, Discipleship: Come, Follow Me (Mark 1:17), illustrates the many ways that International Ministries provides holistic discipleship through the work of our global servants and partners worldwide. It is our mission to follow Jesus just as the disciples did more than 2,000 years ago.

This year, we are highlighting our ministries in the areas of **Conflict Transformation, Abolishing Slavery** and **Economic and Community Development**. Thanks to your partnership, together we are mobilizing local communities in the name of Jesus Christ to lighten the burden of poverty, encourage peaceful ways to live in diverse cultural contexts and offer hope and dignity to the marginalized.

Prayerfully consider how you can help us reach our church's 2017 giving goal of **\$5,000.**



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