



Rising Hope Mission Church  
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Founding Pastor  
Rev. Dr. Keary Kincannon

*"Rising Hope is a living witness in the saving grace of Jesus Christ. It gives people a hope for a future far different from their past. Whenever I visit, I am just filled with joy"*

Bishop Charlene Kammerer

*"To be the church we must work together as one; to be the church, we must follow Jesus literally; to be the church, we must be for all people. Rising Hope lives fully into the vision of church I learn about in the Scriptures, the incarnation's community where Jesus is embodied not just in the rich and privileged, but the poor, outcast, downtrodden. The United part of our UMC is what defines and enables our call to embrace God's Holy Spirit and extend the Table to all, providing access to all that sustains life. Without churches like Rising Hope, ministries like it, and people from all sorts of communities supporting the people there, we could not build the Kingdom through the United Methodist Church. This is why I support and lift up the mission and ministries of Rising Hope."*

Rev. Deborah Porras  
Beverly Hills Community UMC

Accept the  
Challenge

Rise Up  
Build Lives

A Capital Campaign  
For

Rising Hope  
United Methodist  
Mission Church

A Mission of the Alexandria District of  
the United Methodist Church

To continue the  
transformation of lives  
through capital repairs and  
improvements to better  
serve those most in need.

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# You Can Help By

- making a pledge
- encouraging your church to pledge
- Invite Rising Hope to speak to a group.

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Rising Hope Mission Church depends on the generosity of churches and community organizations to serve the crushing needs of hundreds of low-income and homeless families and individuals every year.

- 175-250 families fed from our food pantry every week.—about 10,000 visits annually.
- 16,000 hot meals a year from our soup kitchen.
- 2,800 Hypothermia bed-nights provided annually.
- 20,000 visits to our free clothing closet annually.

Additionally hundreds of individuals take advantage of Rising Hope's services as a drop in center, emergency referral and assistance center, and our recovery programs.

Rising Hope does many things that look like a social service organization but we are not. We are a church. "We love because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19). We want others to know the life transforming power of Christ, and that the kingdom of God is at hand.

An average of 50 individuals participate weekly in Sunday worship, and another 100 participate in our mid-week services. Three quarters of our worshipping members have been homeless at some time in their life.

## Campaign Period

Active asking Spring – Fall of 2017  
with annual pledges over 3-5 years.

Our campaign, **Accept the Challenge--Rise Up--Rebuild Lives**, was unanimously approved by the Alexandria District Conference on October 1, 2016.

The goal of the campaign is to raise \$500,000 to make necessary capital improvements.

They include:

- Replacing the kitchen equipment (much was there when the building was purchased 13 years ago.)
- Replacing the food pantry's walk-in refrigerator and freezer.
- Replacing the HVAC system.
- Paying down the mortgage so more resources can be invested in direct service to the poor. This empowers Rising Hope to more effectively bring Christ to the community by increasing its ability to serve the least among us.

*Our connection with Rising Hope has been critical in developing a church with a heart and passion for mission. By serving hands-on alongside of the people of Rising Hope, the people of Christ Church have learned that being in mission is more than simply writing a check, although that is important. It is about developing relationships with the people you serve. Our Partnership with Rising Hope has grown us deeper in our understanding of what it means to be in mission.*

Rev. John Speight  
Christ UMC

