



WINTER 2020

WESTMINSTER CANTERBURY RICHMOND

# The LAMP



*Part of our Pastoral Care team touring the construction site*

## Growing from Our Roots in Faith

Mission comes first at Westminster Canterbury Richmond. Growing from our roots in faith, we lean into our faith-based heritage, upholding our founding principles.

Spiritual wellness is core to living life well. Faith, peace, kindness, goodness, reconciliation and healthy relationships are hallmarks of spiritual wellness. To support this truth, our Pastoral Care program provides many opportunities for worship, education and connection. These programs are more robust and better attended than ever!

Our beautiful, historic Montague Chapel is too small to host most services, lectures – even memorial services. Our Chaplains compete for space with all the many activities and events on campus. And so, the dream was born to build a new SPIRITUAL CENTER.

Imagine a Spiritual Center that embraces Westminster Canterbury's faith traditions and welcomes people of all faiths. With inspiring space for worship, learning, prayer and sharing, our Pastoral Care offerings can thrive and meet your needs as you deepen and strengthen your faith.

Positioned to be clearly visible to anyone entering our campus, the Spiritual Center's prominent central placement speaks to the importance of faith in God to our mission. It will include a sanctuary, relocated Montague Chapel, meeting and gathering rooms and more.

With construction well underway, we anticipate completion in August 2020. We'll soon be scheduling a dedication celebration. Stay tuned for that exciting news!

The generosity of donors is making this dream a reality. Starting with a lead gift from the Luck Family, approximately half the needed funds have been raised. Westminster Canterbury Foundation invites you to be part of this exciting response to God's love and presence here in this place.

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## *Announcing a Challenge Grant from* **THE MARY MORTON PARSONS FOUNDATION**

The Mary Morton Parsons Foundation approved a two-to-one challenge grant. They will give \$300,000 if we can raise the 2:1 match of \$600,000. These gifts will bring us much closer to our \$4 million need. We thank those of you who have already jumped on board – and hope you, too, will prayerfully consider a gift!

# 45 40 years

2020 marks the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Westminster Canterbury Richmond's opening and the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the creation of Westminster Canterbury Foundation. During that time, much has been made possible by the spirit of generosity that is so evident throughout our campus. This year, through our events and publications, we celebrate these anniversaries and your part in them!



**then:** Originally built on 25 acres



**then:** Mary Morton Parsons Health Center opened with 133 semi-private rooms for skilled and intermediate nursing care. By 1984, we were the only facility in Richmond that had converted to all private rooms.



**now:** Today, we also offer two levels of assisted living and three levels of memory support, ensuring the best care at any stage of life.

*"Everyone knows you move here because eventually you may need healthcare. But I dreaded my first stay after surgery. I was so wrong - I was treated so well that I didn't want to leave!"*



Spiritual Center Groundbreaking 2019

**now:** Westminster Canterbury Richmond expanded to 50 acres in 2000 and to 60 acres in 2018.



**then:** Pastoral Care services began with a simple chapel and no chaplains on staff until the 1980s. Programming consisted of three services a week.



**then:** Performing Arts has always been a part of Westminster Canterbury as residents enjoyed performances in a small auditorium prior to the Sara Belle November Theater's opening in 2006.



**now:** 129 theater events with total attendance of 26,200!

*"We see smiling faces, dancing feet, couples holding hands and a community engaged in vibrant living! There is a genuine sense of community on show night as the theater becomes a place for all."*  
Jessica Corbitt, Cultural Arts Manager

**then:** The founding purpose of Westminster Canterbury was to provide a Fellowship Program for seniors-in-need, giving security and peace of mind that housing, meals, medical care and vital living were guaranteed. In the beginning, 93 of our first 375 residents lived here thanks to the generosity of donors.

**now:** Today, around 110 of our 830 residents receive Fellowship support annually. A total of 560 seniors have received \$76 million in support for a safe retirement since we opened our doors! Your gifts to the Annual Fellowship Fund totaled \$1.7 million in 2019.

*"Without the Fellowship Program, I truly don't know what would have become of me in my retirement years. It's been a lifeline for me."  
Thank you!*



**now:** Four chaplains offer 25 weekly on-campus Pastoral Care programs that will be enhanced by our Spiritual Center now under construction.

We look forward to sharing more milestones in our Annual Report, coming soon!



# THE MARY MORTON PARSONS FOUNDATION

## *Challenge is Underway!*

Please consider helping us meet the exciting TWO-for-ONE CHALLENGE – we will raise \$600,000 and Mary Morton Parsons Foundation will donate \$300,000 for the new SPIRITUAL CENTER! Construction is moving along very well. For video construction updates, go to [www.facebook.com/wcrichmond](http://www.facebook.com/wcrichmond)

**YOU** MAKE THE BIGGEST DIFFERENCE

Your gift could support the Fellowship program, the area of greatest need, or the area about which you are most passionate. For more information, contact Westminster Canterbury Foundation.

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