



SHARE PACEM  
SHARE PEACE

*An invitation  
to invest in  
Growth, Renewal,  
and Legacy*



PACEM in TERRIS  
HERMITAGE RETREAT CENTER

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

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## *The Invitation*

YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE  
IN WHAT GOD IS DOING AT PACEM.

In a world that grows louder, more frantic, and more fractured by the day, the call to stillness becomes not only countercultural, but essential.

At Pacem in Terris Hermitage Retreat Center, souls weary from the noise and burdens of life find refuge.

Here, silence is sacred. Solitude is cherished. And hearts are renewed in the peace that passes understanding. We believe this gift of silence is not meant to be hidden. Christ tells us, "Do not light a lamp only to place it under a bushel basket." The world is desperate for the peace that Pacem offers. It is time to share it.

The Share Pacem, Share Peace Capital Campaign is a \$5 million investment in the future of silence, stillness, and peace. We invite you to share Pacem, and by doing so, share peace with a world in need.

*“There is no place like Pacem. As a mother and an attorney, silence and calm are scarce. Yet, they are accessible at Pacem—a haven from daily life, providing much-needed space to reset and refresh. Well-balanced people can give more fully to their families, communities, and workplaces.”*



# The Vision

A THREE-YEAR CAMPAIGN FOR GROWTH, RENEWAL, AND LEGACY

## Protect Pacem's Woods— Environment and Campus Care

**GOAL:** \$1.8 million

Our forest is sacred ground. It is Pacem's first chapel—a quiet cathedral of oaks, maples and ever-greens. In August 2024, devastating storms ripped through our land, felling trees and spreading oak wilt. We have been able to do minimal recovery, such as clearing paths and cleaning up debris, but much work is still needed.

**Gifts to this aspect of our vision will assist Pacem in:**

- Forest management.
- Creating perimeters of peace around each hermitage by removing diseased and damaged trees.
- Replanting diverse species to restore the ecosystem.
- Establishing sound barriers along busy roads.
- Purchasing the necessary tools to assist in these efforts, such as an all-terrain vehicle and commercial wood chipper. These will help with current recovery and address future issues that will inevitably arise.



*2024 Storm Damage*



Protecting Pacem's woods is not just an ecological effort, it is spiritual. To walk beneath the trees at Pacem is to walk with God. Help us fully recover from these storms and ensure this holy place remains a sanctuary for generations to come.



## Invest in Infrastructure—Renewing the Space

**GOAL:** \$1.8 million

Most of Pacem's buildings are more than 25 years old. Through this campaign, we hope to update our older cabins and enhance additional aspects of our grounds for hermit guests to enjoy.

### Your generosity will allow us to:

- Replace floors, roofs, windows, and wardrobes in older cabins. Attend to siding, plumbing, HVAC, and replacement of geo-thermal in main building.
- Add a Way of the Cross trail. This is a traditional devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on earth, particularly his journey to his crucifixion and death. It involves meditating on 14 specific events, represented by 14 stations along a path.
- Replace Lake Tamarack's boardwalks and add a third for personal reflection and to experience God's beauty in nature.

These enhancements are essential to continue offering a contemplative and dignified experience to all who come seeking God.



## Share Pacem—Leave A Legacy of Peace

**GOAL:** \$1.4 million

Since 1988, Pacem has welcomed over 30,000 guests into sacred silence. Today, we welcome around 1,100 guests each year, but the need is far greater. Demand is growing. The hunger for stillness is deepening.

### Gifts to this aspect of our vision will assist Pacem in:

- Promoting Pacem to individuals and churches. For decades Pacem has been a hidden gem, even for those who live nearby.
- Increasing our Legacy Fund. Pacem's Legacy Fund (quasi endowment) helps bridge our annual budget, offering vital support for maintenance, operations, and just wages. With growth, this fund could free future gifts for expansion and additional hermitages. By investing in the Legacy Fund, you ensure that this sacred ministry remains strong for decades to come, offering rest for tomorrow's weary pilgrims.
- Providing a more cost inclusive model for all our hermit guests.
- Hiring additional staff, as the number of guests increase, to ensure we maintain the quality of our ministries as we grow.





## Why it Matters

THE LIVES YOU CHANGE

Every gift to this campaign is a gift to a real person: a widow processing grief, a pastor on sabbatical, a weary parent or caregiver, a first-responder in need of rest, a young person seeking discernment, or a leader weighed down with burdens.

“ Silence is life changing. My weekend at Pacem happened just before a devastating injury. That time in the hermitage prepared me spiritually and mentally for the hardest season of my life. I truly don't know how I would've endured it without that time of grace.”

“ Pacem restored me in ways I didn't know I needed. The quiet healed fifteen years of ministry fatigue. Even now, I think of those moments of stillness in my busiest days.”

“ As a therapist, I know firsthand the impact of silence and solitude. Pacem has been a refuge for me—and for the many clients and leaders I recommend it to. It is a gift that must be preserved.”



# How to Make A Financial Commitment

Before making a commitment to Pacem's Capital Campaign, it's important that you know the following:

- Pacem is asking for a three-year pledge beginning upon return of your commitment form. A three-year pledge payment has been established to enable you to distribute your investment over a manageable time period, determining for Pacem what can be expected for this effort.
- Please do not reduce giving to our general budget in order to make a capital campaign gift. This effort is over and above your regular giving.

## Check or Electronic Giving

The majority of gifts are paid with check, but automatic gifts can be processed electronically by visiting [paceminterris.org/capitalcampaign](http://paceminterris.org/capitalcampaign). Click on "Donate" or use this QR code.



## Appreciated Stocks/Bonds/Mutual Funds

Funding charitable giving with appreciated stocks, bonds, or mutual funds may be advantageous to you and Pacem. In many cases, you will avoid paying capital gains taxes while receiving a full value charitable deduction, and Pacem will receive a liquid asset. To claim these benefits, stocks/bonds must be transferred to Pacem rather than selling them and donating the proceeds. This can be done through RBC Wealth Management.

## Individual Retirement Account

If you are 70.5 years or older, you can give from your IRA directly to Pacem without having to pay income taxes on the money. If you are 73 or older, you can use your gift to satisfy all or part of required minimum distributions (RMD). The transfer generates neither taxable income nor a tax deduction, so you benefit even if you do not itemize your deductions. Since the gift doesn't count as income, it can reduce your annual income level.

## Donor Advised Funds or Charitable Giving Account

Contact the fund/account's administrator to make a gift from a DAF or CGA.



## Employer Matching Gift

Many companies offer matching gift programs. A corporate match may allow you to double the impact of your gift! Check with your employer to see if they offer a match.

## Legacy of Faith Commitments

There are various ways to support Pacem in the future through planned giving. You can make gifts such as real estate, life insurance, estate bequests, annuities, or charitable remainder trusts. If you have questions on these various ways of giving, please discuss with a financial advisor, accountant, and/or attorney.



### WHAT ROLE WILL YOU PLAY IN HELPING US REACH OUR \$5 MILLION GOAL?

**Special Note:** Below is an illustration of the various gifts needed to reach our goal. Your gift, of any amount, is greatly appreciated and deeply impactful.

**\$1,000,000**

1 Donor



**\$500,000**

1 Donor



**\$250,000**

2 Donors



**\$100,000**

4 Donors



**\$75,000**

5 Donors



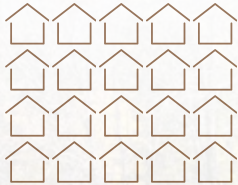
**\$50,000**

10 Donors



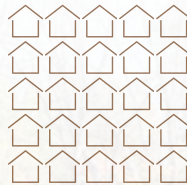
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20 Donors



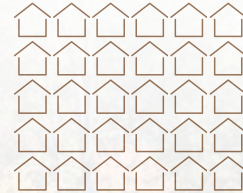
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25 Donors



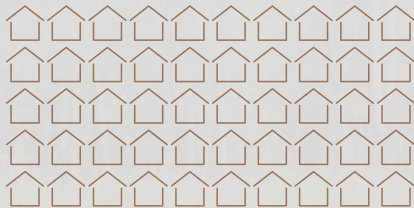
**\$10,000**

30 Donors



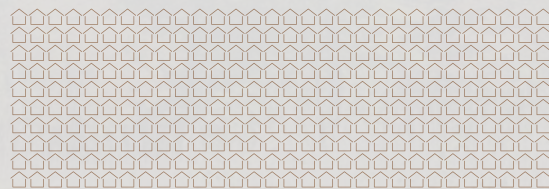
**\$5,000**

50 Donors



**Below \$5,000**

300 Donors (Avg gift of \$1,000)





## *Will you help us Share Pacem so we can Share Peace?*

There are many worthy causes. But few offer what Pacem offers: a holy hush in a world of noise. A place where God is not only found—but listened to.

To build peace in the world, we must begin with the soul.

*Now is the time.*

*This is the place.*

*And you are the solution to someone's need for peace.*

To learn more and/or make your financial commitment online, please visit our campaign page at [www.paceminterris.org/capitalcampaign](http://www.paceminterris.org/capitalcampaign), use the QR code, or call Tim Drake at 763-444-6408.



## **CAMPAIGN PRAYER**

Merciful Lord, in the Gospels you teach us to share, and to serve and worship you as you deserve for your greater honor and glory. We thank you for all the gifts you have bestowed on us and on Pacem in Terris Hermitage Retreat Center. We especially thank you for all your people who come here to pray and be alone with you. Through the gifts of silence, solitude, and peace, these women and men have renewed and grown in their faith as followers of Jesus Christ.

With humble hearts we ask you to focus our efforts and resources to maintain the legacy of Pacem. Our hope is that it may continue to be a sacred place of prayer and spiritual renewal for future generations. Please send your Holy Spirit to guide and bless our labors, that they may bear good fruit for your people. Move the hearts of all those seeking an opportunity to participate in this campaign to continue to build your kingdom through Pacem. Help us to share Pacem and share with Pacem. We pray all of this with gratitude and confidence through Christ our Lord. Amen.

