

**What are you asking me to do?** We are asking you to take a step of faith to engage in STAND, with Spiritual Growth being the primary goal for everyone at Prairie Heights. That means growing our trust and faith in God. We must grow our trust and faith in Jesus, so we can STAND in that gap that is widening of people who are living apart from God in our local community.

The secondary goal of STAND is to expand total giving to \$7.7M over the next two years. Because STAND is a one fund initiative (all giving goes into one fund), the amount includes the overall annual budget and expanded giving. We have ONE MISSION supported by ONE FUND.

**How exactly will we use the money raised during STAND?** Prairie Heights will STAND for Changed Lives - focusing on reaching the over 100,000 people in our community living apart from God, Future Generations – all kids, teens, students and young adults whose time is now and for Transformed Community – proactively closing the gaps in mental, emotional and financial health.

**What is our timeline for STAND?** This is a two-year initiative from June 2022 to May 2024. The giving timeline will be over 24 months. Some of us might choose to make yearly gifts, while others may choose to give monthly or weekly. Your commitment is built around your personal situation, so you can determine what works best for you.

**Why are we doing STAND now?** Just a few years ago when Prairie Heights talked about those not connected to God and a church family the number was 70,000. Today the number is over 100,000. The gap is growing and we need to stand in the GAP now.

**What if I am new to Prairie Heights?** STAND is about the vision for Prairie Heights and our personal commitment to spiritual growth and standing in the gap. If you are ready for it, this is a perfect time for you to become part of Prairie Heights and STAND together in the gap!

**How can my kids be involved in STAND?** One of our main goals is 100% engagement, and that includes all our kids and students. Because we believe in the power of future generations your kids have already been involved in STAND through Kidventure and Oxygen. You can also involve them in your family discussion and prayer about your commitment.

**When I commit to STAND what does that mean about my giving to Prairie Heights?** During this two-year period, every contribution you make to Prairie Heights is a contribution to our STAND initiative. Every gift made will go into one fund which will go towards the overall annual budget and expanded giving. We have ONE MISSION supported by ONE FUND.

If you are not currently giving, we want you to start giving. Make a commitment to give an amount for the next 2 years to be a part of STAND.

If you are giving sporadically, we are asking you to make giving a priority in your finances. Schedule it every month. Pick an amount and stick with it.

If you are giving a percentage (specifically 10%), we are asking you to prayerfully consider an expanded amount above your regular giving.

**What if I have significant financial difficulties?** Giving isn't about what God want from you; rather, it's about what God wants for you. If you are struggling with a large amount of debt or dealing with a recent job loss, you are responsible to care for yourself and your family through this difficult time. Spend time in

prayer about the step to which God calls you and give joyfully in response. If you would like to visit with a pastor for assistance in this area we would be honored to help you. Please let us know at [phcc@prairieheights.com](mailto:phcc@prairieheights.com)

**What do you mean by one fund?** One fund is a combination of general giving and expanded giving into one fund. This goes towards Prairie Heights annual operating budget and STAND Initiatives.

**Are there additional ways besides cash that I can give more toward STAND?** Be creative as you explore ways you and your family can give towards STAND. You might have stocks, property, or other stored resources that God has blessed you with in the past. Please let us know if you need assistance with facilitating gifts of property or stock, and we would be happy to help you with that. You can contact Kelly Troyer at [Kelly.troyer@prairieheights.com](mailto:Kelly.troyer@prairieheights.com) to make a gift of this type.

**How long is my commitment?** We are asking that you make a 24-month commitment. This 2-year period will begin June 5, 2022. This will be our first big give toward our STAND fund. This initiative will end on May 31, 2024.

**When do I start giving toward my commitment?** On Sunday June 5th, we will announce our total commitment from STAND, give our first gifts, and mark the beginning of our two-year initiative.

**Can I update my commitment after commitment Sunday if my circumstances change?** Yes. You may update your commitment pledge at any time.

**Is my commitment confidential?** Yes. Only our small financial team has knowledge of pledges and giving records.

**How is the best way to give?** Recurring giving through the Prairie Heights. Find all the information at [www.prairieheights.com/give](http://www.prairieheights.com/give).