

NEXT STEPS...

There are just three things we are asking you to do.

- 1 **Prayerfully discern** your financial investment in the mission of our Crossroads family (the previous questions can guide you).
- 2 After discerning the amount you want to invest annually, **make a pledge** of that amount. A pledge helps us to commit our intention of giving.
- 3 Select one of the following ways that works best for you to **stay consistent** with your investment:
 - a. Set up a recurring schedule of giving through the GOTGo App. To find it, search Crossroads GOTGo in your phone's App store.
 - b. Give through online giving on our website. You can connect quickly and easily at: everydaylifewithgod.org/giving
 - c. Contact your bank and set up an Electronic Funds Transfer to have your investment withdrawn from your bank account and mailed to Crossroads.
 - d. Give a portion of your pledged amount each week in the Sunday offering basket.

OUR HISTORY IS STRONG
OUR FUTURE IS BRIGHT

ON ANY DAY THOSE TWO
REALITIES MAKE FOR
A GOOD INVESTMENT

THIS IS OUR INVESTMENT
IN CHANGING THE WORLD
ONE PERSON, YOU AND ME,
AT A TIME WITH
GOD'S UNCONDITIONAL
LOVE WITH SKIN ON



43454 Crossroads Drive, Ashburn, VA 20147
703-729-5100
www.everydaylifewithgod.org

INVESTING
IN WHAT
THE WORLD
NEEDS NOW



 **CROSSROADS**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

INVESTING IN WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS NOW

Whenever we invest in something we want to know at least two things. What is its history and, what does the future of our investment look like?

...REFLECTING ON OUR PAST

For 27 years Crossroads has been changing lives through the love of Jesus with skin on. Over those years, thousands of people have been touched by this heartfelt message of God's unconditional love. We have a great history.

For the past month, we have been looking at what the world needs now. There is unanimous agreement that what the world needs most, right now, is love.

The kind of love Jesus gave to everyone he met; a love that is full of compassion, forgiveness, service and wisdom. This is what the world needs most, right now.

...LOOKING TO OUR FUTURE

We also have a great future. We are committed to meeting you where you are by creating practical spiritual resources that will help shape our future as people on the go.

With the launch of a new Crossroads App called **GOTGo**, which stands for "God On the Go", you now have access to rich spiritual resources of guidance, comfort and inspiration 24/7 wherever you go.



Imagine receiving short, yet meaningful daily inspirational messages on your phone to help you remember that God's unconditional love is wherever you are.



From ongoing inspiring worship each week to forming new ways to be in small groups and gatherings, we are putting together numerous, practical and creative ways to support one another relationally with the unconditional love of God and unlimited welcome of Jesus.

Families, children and students have always been a major focus of Crossroads.

From workshops, to Rites of Passages, to age level gatherings we are creating fresh spiritual resources to inspire and guide families, children and students with the love of God, love for others and love of self in our daily lives.

All of this together will change us and change the world with the unconditional love of God.



DISCERNING OUR INVESTMENT...

The month of October is our window of time to prayerfully discern how we might financially invest in what the world needs now through our Crossroads family.

...OUR HISTORY IS STRONG OUR FUTURE IS BRIGHT

And as the scripture says,

**"EVERYONE SHOULD GIVE
WHATEVER THEY HAVE
DECIDED IN THEIR HEART.
THEY SHOULDN'T GIVE
WITH HESITATION
OR BECAUSE OF PRESSURE.
GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER."
- 11 CORINTHIANS 9:7**

In that light, each one of us is invited to discern our reasons for investing in Crossroads future.

To help you discern, here are some suggested questions you might prayerfully ask yourself:

1. How is Crossroads helping me to be more compassionate and forgiving to self and others in my everyday life?
2. How is Crossroads helping me to serve others with love in my everyday life?
3. How is Crossroads helping me to find hope in my everyday life?
4. How is Crossroads helping my children and family to experience God's unconditional love?
5. How is Crossroads helping me to discover and experience God's unconditional love, unlimited welcome and unwavering hope?
6. How much do I value the ongoing transformational pathway that Crossroads offers me and others?