

For some people, going to church is not necessarily "going to church." My church is the movie theater. For two hours or more, I can sit in a dark room and soak in art and entertainment and for just a little while I can feel better about the world and my place in it. Sometimes a powerful film can change the way you see and interact with the world and other people, especially if seen in a theater. The damage that Covid shutdowns have done to movie theaters is almost incalculable. Movie theaters were not included in the \$25 million that went to performance venues last year. Even when they can safely reopen, theaters face a long road to recovery with capacity limitations, social distancing requirements, and lack of new films to offer. After being completely shut down for a year, theaters have incurred all sorts of fixed costs that they are still required to pay and even more capital is needed for reopening. I am begging you to please develop and implement this program that provides grants to movie theaters. Please don't let my church disappear.