

Aldersgate Village

Report to General Conference 2024



Introducing Epworth Place

Imagine

The theme of this year's conference echoes in the heart of Aldersgate Village as well. *Imagine...*

As a faith-based, community housing provider for over 40 years, our success has been our commitment to providing a caring and supportive community for our residents. Aldersgate Village is passionate about advocating for safe, affordable housing for seniors as an expression of Christian love and pursuing innovative approaches to serve the physical, social, and spiritual needs of our residents.

It takes the teamwork of many to pull it all together and make it a reality. But it all starts with that spark of *imagination*, the willingness to be open to innovative ideas and the blessing of the Lord to fuel the spark into a flourishing community.

We have been blessed to have a dedicated Board of Directors and staff who are committed to our mission and who thrive on new ways to *imagine* expanding our ministry and our facilities.

Seniors in need of affordable housing make up one third (31%) of the waiting list for affordable housing in the Belleville area and most households experience an average wait of 5 years before that housing becomes available. In our own experience, we currently have over 400 senior households on our waiting list with average wait times of over 6 years.

Now *imagine* "Epworth Place," a brand new 84-unit apartment complex putting quality, affordable, independent living within the reach of all seniors, surrounded by a caring, supportive, Christian community. This is the next step for Aldersgate, and we anticipate construction beginning this spring.

Through our development pursuits, we hope to see our mission expanded to more seniors in our area. But it's hard work and without the dedication of our team, and the firm belief in our God given task, always keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, we could not meet our goals.

What sets Aldersgate apart

It's not just bricks and mortar on a beautiful campus and it's not just affordable living. Aldersgate Village is a robust community with a mix of faithful servants who spent their lives in the church and those who have never met Jesus. It is both a mission field and a safe haven, specifically designed for independent senior living.

We took our name "Aldersgate" from the street where John Wesley had his "heart-warming" experience and "Epworth Place" from John's childhood home where he was miraculously rescued from a consuming fire, after which his mother referred to him as "a brand plucked from the burning..." (Zech. 3:2)

Respectfully Submitted,

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As you pray for Aldersgate, ask that all who will soon call Epworth Place their home will experience a heart-warming community, set apart for a greater purpose. One in which every resident is included as vital member.

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