

# QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

## MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

### **1. WHY ARE WE CONDUCTING A CAPITAL CAMPAIGN AT THIS TIME?**

*As members of St. Andrew's, we are called by God to become connected to Christ, to each other, and to our community. A crucial component of this call is our building. An inspiring, sacred space better prepares us to connect to Christ. Accessible and ample gathering and fellowship space helps us connect to each other. And a welcoming space encourages more connection with our community. A new building also shows the community that we are deeply rooted and firmly committed to the Ridgefield area.*

### **2. WHAT IS THE TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF PHASE I, AND WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THIS COST?**

*The estimated cost of Phase I is \$1.5 Million and includes all costs associated with constructing a highly visible and inspiring sanctuary that will seat 175 people, a new fellowship hall and gathering area, and a larger, well lit parking lot.*

### **3. HOW DOES THE CAMPAIGN GOAL RELATE TO THE TOTAL COST OF THE PROJECT?**

*Our goal is to raise \$1 Million over the next three years. Since the estimated cost of our renovation is \$1.5 Million, the congregation will need to secure a short-term construction loan and a mortgage in order to undertake all of Phase I. At the end of the three-year capital campaign, we may decide to undertake a second three-year capital campaign to pay down our mortgage. As with any loan, the faster we can pay down the principal, the less we will pay in interest over the life of the loan.*

### **4. WHAT WILL OUR NEW CHURCH LOOK LIKE?**

*At this point we have only invested in conceptual drawings. These drawings give us a broad vision of the configuration of our new building and what it might look like. They are based on the input we gave the architect in terms of our current needs and ministry plans. We will not invest in more detailed drawings until we know how much we are able to raise in our campaign, which will determine what we can afford to build.*

### **5. WHERE WILL WE WORSHIP DURING THE CONSTRUCTION OF OUR NEW SANCTUARY?**

*While the new sanctuary is under construction, we will continue to worship in our current sanctuary.*

### **6. HOW LONG WILL THE CONSTRUCTION TAKE?**

*Once we get new drawings from the architect and have approved the final plans and construction budget, it will take 9-12 months to obtain the necessary permits and about 1 year for the construction of Phase I.*

### **7. HOW DOES MY RESPONSE TO "IT'S TIME TO LIVE OUR MISSION!" AFFECT MY REGULAR GIVING TO THE CHURCH?**

*Your campaign response is a totally new commitment. All money received from this commitment will be directly applied to our new building project and retiring the current mortgage. We pray that you will continue supporting the programs and outreach of our church by uninterrupted and undiminished ongoing support to our annual needs.*

## **8. HOW MUCH SHOULD I GIVE?**

*This is a personal decision, but here are some guidelines for your consideration:*

- ❑ *Reflect on the blessings given you by a generous God and give out of joy and gratitude.*
- ❑ *Ask God for direction, pray and meditate over a period of time, be open to the Spirit.*
- ❑ *Be informed by reading all the literature sent to you during this campaign.*
- ❑ *Attend Mission Rally Sunday Events on Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>, to celebrate our life together and focus on our vision.*
- ❑ *Attend the Prayer Vigil on Saturday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>, and once again ask God for guidance and courage.*
- ❑ *Give until it feels great and it takes your breath away! It will be the best investment of your life!*

## **9. HOW LONG WILL MY “IT’S TIME TO LIVE OUR MISSION!” COMMITMENT CONTINUE?**

*The commitment is for three years and is over and above your regular giving to the congregation. Your commitment form gives you options on how to configure your gift since not all people will want to give in the same way. Some will give one large, up front gift while others will spread out their gift over time.*

## **10. MAY I GIVE STOCKS, REAL ESTATE, INSURANCE, IRA TRANSFERS OR OTHER GIFTS IN KIND IN ADDITION TO CASH GIFTING?**

*You are encouraged to think of assets in addition to cash. For many people this is the best (and smartest) way to give. Giving stocks, property, jewelry, cars, or other appreciated assets as a charitable donation is beneficial to both you and the church. If you think you would benefit from more information on this topic, call Pastor Renee LiaBraaten @ 207-751-7371 or the corporate office of Kairos @ 1-800-851-3019.*

## **11. WILL THERE BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE SPECIFIC GIFTS?**

*At the appropriate time during our three-year giving phase, the Campaign Follow-Up Ministry Team will establish a list of needs to complete our capital project for those who wish to give specific gifts (sometimes in memory of a loved one). Specific guidelines for this giving opportunity will be clearly developed and made available to all people of the congregation.*

## **12. WHAT IF MY FINANCIAL SITUATION CHANGES OR I MOVE OUT OF THE AREA BEFORE THE END OF THE THREE-YEAR GIVING PERIOD?**

*At any time during the giving phase, your commitment may be increased, decreased, extended or cancelled by notifying our financial secretary. If you should move out of the area we hope you would become involved in another congregation and offer them your support. We will be honored and grateful if you are willing to fulfill your total commitment, but you are certainly under no obligation to do so. No matter what your circumstances, we ask you to support us in your prayers and to remember that you are always welcomed and loved.*