



SANCTUARY FOR THE CITY & BEYOND CAPITAL CAMPAIGN HAMLIN CHURCH 2018-2020

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IMPROVEMENTS AND PROJECTS ARE INCLUDED IN THIS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN?

The amount of improvements we can make on depends on the total funds we raise. The Success Goal of \$850,000 would raise enough for:

- Re-pointing and sealing of the sanctuary exterior
- Renovation of the kitchen
- East side greenway including landscaping and water mitigation
- Installation of solar panels on the education wing roof
- Increased spiritual formation opportunities
- Creation of brick oven patio

The Challenge Goal of \$1 million would raise enough to additionally:

- Renovate the fireside community room bathrooms
- Renovate the fireside community room
- Replace education wing windows

The Miracle Goal of \$1.25 million would raise enough to:

- Re-point and seal the education wing
- Additional funding of spiritual formation opportunities over a longer duration

IS THERE A PRIORITY ORDER IN WHICH THESE PROJECTS WILL BE SEQUENCED? WHEN DO WE PLAN TO BEGIN THESE PROJECTS? WHAT IS THE TIMELINE FOR COMPLETION?

The plan is to begin work on the projects in early 2018. The order of priority will be determined by multiple factors, including: when we expect campaign funds to flow in and decisions on borrowing against it, how the projects are “packaged” together for a particular contractor, when and how far ahead to bid projects to get the best pricing, and best (or required) time of year to do certain projects. For example: the masonry repointing and greenway projects are clearly a spring-fall seasonal project, and the fireside/kitchen projects are probably best done in summer when traffic and use is down. Ideally large projects like re-pointing should be bid a year ahead of time

as that is when contractors are trying to fill their projects out, and smaller interior projects can be good winter “filler” projects for either larger contractors wanting to keep their crews busy or a smaller contractor probably anytime.

HOW HAVE WE DETERMINED TO APPROACH THE TUCK POINTING; WILL WE BE DOING THE ENTIRE BUILDING AT ONCE, OR WILL WE DO THIS IN PHASES?

Working with architects from McDonald Mack & Associates we have prioritized the most critical exterior masonry repair needs. The prioritization begins with exterior masonry repair on the sanctuary through re-pointing, re-sealing and caulking, re-sealing the sanctuary stairs, cleaning the north façade of the sanctuary. Phase two includes re-pointing the education wing. If we raise enough funds (\$1.25 million) we will do all the exterior masonry work at once. Otherwise will focus on the sanctuary exterior work first and we will need to raise funds for the education wing at a later point in time.

WILL WE INCUR ANY DEBT AS WE ADDRESS THESE PROJECTS?

Depending on the contributions, when the funds come in, and when payments are due, we may incur short-term debt to finance the initial costs of some projects

IN WHAT WAYS DO THE PROJECTS ON THE TABLE PROMOTE SUSTAINABILITY?

The greenest building is the one that already exists. Investing in the care and maintenance of our existing building is an environmentally sustainable act in itself. Almost all the projects have a sustainable component to them. For example:

- Solar panels will offset our need to draw power from the grid to cover our consumption, which is currently 71% fossil fuel or nuclear-based, with the remaining (and growing) percentage of it renewable to which Hamline Church will be adding.
- The east side greenway project will introduce additional green space to our grounds, include more pervious surface, allow for rainwater harvesting and reduce demand on the storm water treatment system.
- Materials use in the fireside and kitchen renovations will, to the greatest degree possible, be “green” in terms of highest recycled content and lowest VOC (volatile organic compound) content, which means the product will “off-gas” as little as possible into the indoor air.
- Replacing the education wing windows will create some energy savings however the larger benefit will be to increased occupant comfort as the new windows on specifically the south side will have a tint to them that will reflect back the sun, thereby greatly reducing passive solar gain which currently makes the south-facing classrooms and daycare very hot.

WHAT ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF APPLYING FOR GRANTS RELATED TO HISTORICAL PRESERVATION?

We continue to seek out and apply for grants related to historical preservation, including the Minnesota Legacy grants.

WHAT ABOUT THE RECENT BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS MADE?

Over the summer of 2017 some aesthetic improvements were made including a new sign on Minnehaha Avenue, painting in the commons, improvements to the upstairs bathrooms, and refinishing some cabinetry in the classrooms. This work was completed through a combination of volunteer and paid labor. The projects were paid for using the annual endowment income proceeds as designated by the trustees and a bequest gift. These improvements were made in response to the Healthy Church Initiative recommendations around making sure our building is welcoming and inviting.

HOW LONG IS THE SANCTUARY FOR THE CITY AND BEYOND CAMPAIGN?

The campaign period lasts for three years: January 2018 through December 2020.

I AM INTERESTED IN MAKING A GIFT TO HELP MOVE THE PROJECT FORWARD. WHEN CAN I GIVE MY GIFT AND WHAT CAN I GIVE?

Commitment Sunday, when the congregation will be asked to make a three-year financial commitment via a pledge is November 19. You can also make a pledge online at: www.hamlinechurch.org/members/capital-campaign-2020

If you have a gift that you like to offer before or after this time frame you are welcome to do so. Gifts can include cash, stocks, bonds, property, precious metals, jewelry, or other valuable items. One can also choose to leave a legacy gift for the on-going upkeep of the building through one's will or trust. If you have a specific question related to your intended gift, please don't hesitate to contact Mark Krueger, our Church Treasurer for a confidential conversation.

HOW ARE THE PLEDGES PAID?

It is up to the individual making the pledge how they want to give. Many individuals will break up their total gift and make weekly or monthly offerings toward their pledge over the three years of the campaign. Some persons may give their pledge in one, or a few lump sums, due to special circumstances, or for tax reasons. How the gifts are given will be varied according to your specific situation.

WHAT IF MY JOB SITUATION CHANGES OR I HAVE A CRISIS?

The pledge card is a declaration of your intentions to give based on your understanding of your situation when you filled out the card. It is an estimate of what you intend to give. We understand that a crisis or emergency may preclude or diminish your ability to give what you intend. It could also be that an unexpected blessing may enable you to give more than you thought you could. If you need to alter your pledge for any reason during the three years of the capital campaign, contact Diane Milbrandt or Barbara Brokopp our financial secretaries through the church office.

WHO CAN BEST ANSWER SPECIFIC QUESTIONS RELATED TO MY CAMPAIGN GIFT AND MY TAX SITUATION?

Your tax advisor will be the best source of information regarding the tax implications of your gift.

HOW WILL YOU KEEP OPERATING AND CAPITAL CAMPAIGN MONIES SEPARATE?

All Capital Campaign funds are already being maintained in a separate account used exclusively for the capital campaign expenses and not for annual operating expenses.

HOW WILL WE BE ASKED TO PARTICIPATE?

Every person who feels a connection to Hamline Church will be asked to do three things:

1. Pray daily: "God, what do you want to do through me?"
2. After praying daily, you will be asked to make a sacrificial gift to the "Sanctuary for the City and Beyond" capital campaign on November 19, 2017. Remember the saying, "Not equal gifts...but equal sacrifice." These capital campaign gifts will be given across a three-year period from January 2018 through December 2020.
3. Also on November 19, you will be asked to indicate your annual stewardship pledge. We usually have our annual stewardship pledge made in November, and are combining the process this year with our capital campaign for convenience. (There are two different "Estimate of Giving" cards, one for the 2018 church ministry, and a second for the capital campaign).

WHAT CAN I DO NEXT?

Attend the town hall meeting on November 5, learn about the projects, and ask clarifying questions. If you have questions, please contact Campaign Co-Chairs Pete Theisen or Gregg Dahlke. Then, pray. Pray for your church and its future. Pray asking, "God, how do you want me to respond to this invitation make an impact in creating a

Sanctuary for the City and Beyond?" Prayerfully consider your tithe or offering for next year's ministry. Does your gift reflect the ways you have been blessed and how this congregation has helped to make a difference in your life?