



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT CUMC CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 1

Answers below are a compilation of input from the Pastors, Campaign Chair-persons and Building Committee Chair.

1. WHAT IS THE PROJECT?

This Capital Campaign has been put into motion in order to raise funds to support the building of a new CUMC home that will enhance our ability to live out our mission to make disciples for Jesus Christ in Carlisle and beyond. The project includes the purchase of 25 acres of farm land; site development of access roads, utilities, storm water management, parking, and recreation fields; construction of a church building, maintenance facility, outdoor worship space, pavilion and prayer walk trails; plus design/permitting fees, furnishings, appliances and technology.

2. WHO HAS APPROVED THIS PROJECT?

This project was authorized by the Leadership Council after extensive research and prayer. In Nov. 2015 the congregation voted to move our church home to the Spring Garden Campus site.

3. HOW DID WE GET TO THIS POINT?

The unification of three United Methodist churches (Allison, First and Grace) occurred in July 2013 to become Carlisle UMC. Then, our unified congregation voted to sell all three churches and build a new facility to meet current and future needs. Land for the new facility is now acquired and we have selected a general contractor and architect to begin the facility development process. Beginning on a snowy winter night in January 2011, and with continuous prayer and support, we have become increasingly aware of God's leading all along the way.

4. WHY ARE WE DOING THIS PROJECT?

The interim facility we now occupy is insufficient to meet our current needs and future projections. In particular it's aging infrastructure, limited accessibility and parking, and lack of green space inhibits expansion of our ministries to meet the needs of future generations. Creating a new facility will allow us to embrace current and future ministry trends on an environmentally friendly and comprehensive campus in order to best fulfill our mission within the Carlisle community.

5. WHAT IS THE CURRENT TIMELINE FOR CONSTRUCTION?

Design and permitting of our new facility will continue throughout 2017 and the first quarter of 2018. The permitting process through the municipal, county and state agencies is particularly time consuming. We anticipate beginning construction Spring-Summer 2018 and occupying our Spring Garden campus Fall 2019.

6. WHAT WILL IT COST?

We currently have 3 scenarios for project size and cost. Ultimately, the results of this capital campaign will dictate our budget and how much we can initially build.

- The full build out of 85,000 square feet with full land development is \$17-19 million.
- An initial build out of 65,000 square feet with significant land development is \$14-16 million.
- An initial build out of 45,000 square feet with necessary land development is \$11-13 million.

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7. HOW DO WE PLAN ON PAYING FOR THIS PROJECT?

We estimate having \$7 - \$7.5 Million in hand to begin this project from sales of church buildings, previous generous donations and endowment funds. The balance of our budget will be fulfilled by the results of two 3-year Capital Campaigns back to back. We intend to be good stewards of God's blessings and not spend more than we can afford nor take on significant debt. Thus, a long-term mortgage is not planned. Instead a construction loan will be used to finance the project during the 6-year term of the Capital Campaigns, with the goal of initial construction being completely paid for in approximately 8 years.

8. WHAT IS THE TITLE AND THEME FOR THE CAMPAIGN?

"God's Vision, Our Mission" is the title of the campaign and the theme is "Equal Sacrifice, Not Equal Giving."

9. WHAT ARE THE KEY CAMPAIGN DATES?

February 26 - Campaign Kick-Off of Gratitude Sunday; March 26 - Celebration Event; April 2 - Commitment Sunday; April 16 - First Fruit Offering; April 23 - Announcement Sunday

10. HOW WILL PEOPLE BE ASKED TO COMMIT?

Commitments will be received in phases through lead gifts, advance commitments and an appeal to the congregation. We are asking for a 3-year commitment pledge that can be submitted on-line or in writing during worship. Pledges can be fulfilled with monthly payments, annual payments, or any other frequency that works for you over the 3-year pledge period. Special envelopes will be provided for your use to designate your gifts to the Capital Campaign.

11. CAN WE GIVE IN WAYS OTHER THAN CASH?

Yes, we are prepared to receive gifts of stock, IRAs and other appreciated assets. Please see your personal financial planner and contact the Church Office for transfer instructions.



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