

**PURSUING HIS GLORY**  
Capital Campaign  
Draper's Valley Presbyterian Church  
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## **Frequently Asked Questions and Answers**

### **OUR PURPOSE:**

Through our Capital Campaign, "Pursuing His Glory", we can expand our opportunities for ministry to our church family, to the surrounding areas, and to future generations. We want all members and friends to pray and seek God's guidance in answering the question, *"Lord, what would you do through me to accomplish your vision for our church? Help me to discern a sacrifice for our Capital Campaign that is meaningful and joyful."*

### **THE PROJECT:**

**PHASE 1** – To address the failing west wall we will remove some of it, add a beam to support the roof and create an opening to a sanctuary addition with seating to accommodate a minimum of 236 people. Our current average morning worship attendance is 180 and often reaches 200. Using the "80% feels full" rule, this configuration would meet our current needs and provide room for some growth. Additionally, there would be space to add more chairs for additional seating as needed.

This addition would also enable us to address other issues such as adding a ramp to access the annex, wider aisles, space for wheelchairs and walkers, and would direct all movement towards bathrooms and entrances to the rear to minimize distractions. We want our worship to be wonderful and holy, as God-centered and distraction-free as possible, so that God receives all the attention and all the glory. Estimated cost: \$683,000

**PHASE 2** – Remodel existing sanctuary and annex area. Build ramp, paint, etc. Install two handicapped accessible bathrooms for multiple users. The current two single-use bathrooms (up and down the stairs near the sanctuary) will also be renovated. Estimated cost: \$145,175

**PHASE 3** - Renovate all existing Sunday School rooms as needed. This would possibly include: paint, carpet, furniture, bulletin boards, whiteboards, etc. Additionally, the kitchen and choir room would be upgraded and renovated as needed. Partitions would enable multiple classrooms in the Fellowship Hall. Estimated cost: \$78,900

**PHASE 4** - Parking area improvements, signage, play areas, upgrading older HVAC systems, wiring and lighting. Estimated cost: \$51,400

Adding construction contingencies, architectural & engineering and other fees, etc., the total estimated cost of all 4 phases is approximately \$1,200,000. You have already given approximately \$100,000 indicating a desire to move ahead. That leaves \$1,100,000 to raise. We will ask you for pledges to be fulfilled over 3 years. At the end of the Capital Campaign in June 2017 we will reassess where we are and bring this to the congregation's attention. We will then vote on which phases we will be able to undertake. We hope that we will be able to do all 4 phases.

### **How much money are we hoping to raise through the campaign?**

To complete the 4 phases that are proposed, the need is \$1,100,000. You have already given about \$100,000.

### **The Campaign:**

#### **What is a Capital Stewardship Campaign?**

A Capital Stewardship Campaign is a church project that seeks pledged donations from members and friends of the congregation to be used in paying for a major potential renovation project.

#### **What about the annual budget?**

Capital giving is, by definition, above and beyond what people give to support the annual ministry and mission of the church.

### **What forms of contributions will be accepted?**

Contributions can be made by cash or check. Other forms of contributions can include the transference of title to marketable stocks, bonds, etc.

### **Will I be pressured to make a pledge?**

No. Participation in the campaign and how much you give will be entirely up to you. All members and friends will be given the opportunity to contribute if they wish to do so.

### **Who receives pledge cards?**

All members, active and inactive, as well as all friends of the church will be asked to prayerfully consider supporting the church.

### **Why make a pledge?**

The church will need to commit itself to long term building plans during the period of this campaign. The church cannot make thoughtful, wise decisions without thoughtful, intentional pledges from the congregation. If everyone in the congregation intentionally underestimated their commitment, the church might under-build (costing more money in the long run). If people significantly overestimate their pledges, the church could easily take on more than it could handle.

### **What is an average gift?**

What should a capital gift be? Stewardship is not about equal gifts but about equal sacrifice. There is no formula for determining that pledge, nor is there an "average gift" kind of benchmark. Instead of measuring your gift by the dollar amount, use the "measures" below:

- Does this investment make a difference to me? Does this gift change me, change my whole commitment level?
- Was this a prayerful decision seeking God's will ... did I even invite God to be a part of this decision process?
- Did I have a real conversation about this decision ... with my spouse, children, family, church family, etc.
- Did I learn something about commitment and giving? Did I take a step of faith that deepens my own discipleship?
- If everyone else in the church made a sacrifice equal to my own (in terms of commitment rather than dollars), will God be honored by my level of commitment /investment?

### **Do you have to be a church member to participate in the campaign?**

No. Participation in the campaign is a personal decision for each of us, and anyone may contribute to God's work in our church.

### **When do I get a pledge card/make a pledge?**

Pledge cards will be **mailed Monday, June 5**. We want the members of the congregation to have plenty of time to prepare for their decision in prayer and to make their commitments together as an act of worship. If we do not hear from a family on Commitment Sunday, that family will receive a letter with a commitment card in the mail.

### **When am I expected to give the amount pledged?**

Pledge cards may be turned in during the **Celebration Event on Saturday, June 10** or on **Commitment Sunday, June 11, 2017**, and pledges can be received shortly thereafter. You may pay your entire pledge in one contribution, or spread over the three-year period. You may contribute weekly, monthly, quarterly, or yearly. Pledges can be paid by cash or check. "Gifts in Kind" can also be given, such as marketable stocks, bonds, etc.

### **Can I update my commitment after Commitment Sunday, June 11, 2017?**

Yes, you may update your commitment at any time.

### **When do we know the totals?**

The announcement will be made two weeks after Commitment Sunday, on **Announcement Sunday, June 25, 2017**, in the worship services.

### **Can my commitment/pledge change?**

Yes.... a pledge is not a contract. You may update your commitment at any time. If your circumstances change significantly, then your commitment pledge should also change. Good surprises happen at least as often as difficult surprises.

### **If I can't give a large amount, does my pledge really matter?**

Absolutely! All pledges matter, regardless of amount, because we all participate according to our ability. God multiplies our giving. The foundation for the "Pursuing His Glory" campaign is the principle "equal sacrifices, not equal gifts." We want everyone to pray and to support this project regardless of the size of their gift.

### **How long will my commitment be?**

You are asked to make a three-year commitment.

**Why are we using a fundraising company, couldn't we have done this ourselves and saved money?** That was certainly an option, but after doing lots of research we found that professional fundraising companies can help raise several times more money than when congregations go it alone. This is an ambitious project and we wanted to have the best opportunity for success.

### **How are we paying for the campaign? With all the printed materials, mailings, videos, and celebration dinner, couldn't this money be used on the project?**

As a congregation, we have been blessed with several large gifts to cover the costs for this campaign. It does cost money to send out the newsletters and print the brochures, but it is important that we make every effort to inform everyone as to what's happening. The church dinners have also been covered as part of these gifts. We are grateful that we have been able to communicate with you at no cost to our church's operating budget.

### **How may I prepare to participate?**

Pray for discernment, inviting God to show you what He wants to do in and through you to accomplish His will and vision for Draper's Valley Presbyterian Church. Choose to make your personal commitment. Consider the following Scripture passages on stewardship:

- 1 Corinthians 16:2
- Proverbs 11:25
- Proverbs 3:5-9
- 2 Corinthians 8:7
- Acts 20:35k
- Luke 6:38
- Psalm 116:12.