

Testimonial

From the beginnings of our space expansion project, we have been guided by our mission, values, and hope for the world. We have imagined creating spaces that will foster the beloved community in the future. We would have spaces for a thriving Religious Education Program for all ages, spaces for committee and ministry meetings and for our myriad other regular and special gatherings. Spaces would be fully accessible for all participants.

Now during a pandemic and challenged by the opportunities to set right many travesties of social justice, we trust there will be a better day. Sometimes we feel powerless in the face of this adversity. How can we as individuals make a significant difference in our neighborhood, our country, and the world?

Many of us have found a way to matter, to make change happen. We have found the transformative power of our church community. What we cannot do alone we are able to do together. We support each other in diversity. We contribute our time to ministries that tackle problems we alone cannot solve. Through our collective action we reach outside our walls to take small but meaningful steps to reform the world.

When we come out whole from the pandemic, we will want more than ever to do our part, to care for each other, and to affect needed social change. We need the power of our church community to multiply the effort we alone could deliver.

Our church building is one of the pillars supporting our collective efforts on almost every front. The reasons we started the expansion of our current building project are even more valid today. When the new construction is ready for us and we are ready to use it, we can find new vigor for our mission. Our energy for our programs will be bursting with the new freedom from the uncertainty we now face.

As we take the next transformative step in our community, we need to complete our foundational undertaking. Carrying a debt forward from our commitment to new space would be a drag on our chance for success in the future. Resources in the future should be used looking forward to a better tomorrow for ourselves, for each other, and for our world.

For all these reasons, we have been happy to make a fourth-year pledge that exceeds one third of our Capital Campaign commitment.

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