



ST CHRISTOPHER'S  
— EPISCOPAL CHURCH —



RENEWING FOR

*Mission*



## Why Do We Need a Capital Campaign?

There are many references in Holy Scripture that address God's people who set out on a task. We remember the building of the Lord God's sanctuary in Exodus, chapter 36, the building of the Lord's house in 2 Chronicles, chapter 2, and Jesus' references in the Gospels. Scripture further reveals that all God's people are called to live lives of service and sacrifice. We remain encouraged by the faithful lives of Moses and Abraham, Samuel and David, and Mary, Jesus' mother. These great figures devoted themselves to God in service, prayer, and obedience; they inspired those around them and still do to this day as their stories are shared in the traditions and teachings of the Church.

The Spirit of God still calls us into a relationship with open hearts and open minds as we continue to see God's presence revealed in our worship and service, in study and in fellowship. The RENEWING FOR MISSION Capital Campaign presents an opportunity for each of us to sacrificially invest in the legacy and future of our parish.

We must be sure to realize that this campaign is not just about us, but about others seeking a church home. Our call from Christ is very clear about the growth of God's kingdom. It is the mission of the Church. Parables, teachings, and signs performed by Jesus continually point to increasing the kingdom to include all people. As we reach out in faith and join in the task of our forebears, may we, like them, be led into a promising and vibrant future.

*For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it?*

—Luke 14:28

## **What Is the Goal and How Much Will It Cost?**

The goal of RENEWING FOR MISSION is to renovate our church worship space. For two years the Building Committee has worked to determine these areas of greatest need:

### **The Roof and Ceiling**

The tiled ceiling must be replaced which requires a new roof and new insulation first.

### **The Narthex Restrooms**

We are required to bring facilities up to code by increasing the size and accessibility of the Narthex Restrooms. Most importantly this will create a welcoming atmosphere to members and guests, especially those with children or disabilities.

### **The Sanctuary**

In order for St. Christopher's to be as inviting and hospitable as possible, we must go beyond merely replacing the ceiling. Walls will be refreshed, lighting will be improved, and attractive new elements will be added, such as tile flooring and stone veneer at the front sanctuary wall.

### **The Vesting Room and Sacristy**

The current acolyte vesting room will need to be relocated due to the required restroom expansion. The priest's vesting area will be expanded in order to accommodate worship leaders and acolyte vestments and vesting space.

### **Overall Renovation**

Overall, the interior of St. Christopher's needs renovation. The current lighting fixtures will remain, but more lighting will be added throughout. To further brighten the room, the walls will be lighter, making the present Stations of the Cross more visible. The Stations will also be illuminated, highlighting their beauty and significance. A modest choir loft will be assembled at the rear of the Nave using existing pews. A stunning, new, ultra-violet protective clear glass window will be installed over the altar, providing great beauty to the church interior and exterior.

## **Our Goal**

Because the building is over 50 years old, we could spend a million dollars or more on renovations, however we must stay within a budget that works for us. Such budgets are determined by a parish's annual income. Based on a common formula, our consultant and the diocese have advised that a goal of \$450,000 over the course of three years is appropriate and attainable for St. Christopher's.

## **The Cost**

The actual cost of the renovation will be dictated by the success of the campaign. As each of us prayerfully discerns our contribution toward this work, we can be confident that, with God's help, we will be able to accomplish the work set before us. Once pledges are in hand, we will determine what our costs will be.

## **Why Now?**

St. Christopher's is at a moment of opportunity. Membership has been in decline for quite some time, but our parish is still strong. According to national statistics, nearly sixty percent of Episcopal churches have less than 100 people attending services each week (*Congregation Size and Church Growth in the Episcopal Church* by C. Kirk Hadaway). Over the course of the year, St. Christopher's hosts an average of 112 worshipers each Sunday. Plus, we continually welcome visitors and guests on Sunday mornings as well. That's good news for us!

However, God never calls us to complacency, or to timidly wait for a far away miraculous opportunity. The miraculous opportunity is now, and God is ever calling us to act boldly and decisively for the purposes of his Kingdom and the great plans he has for St. Christopher's.

*And Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.'*

—Mark 12:43-44

## What Is Expected Of Me?

### **I ALREADY GIVE TO THE OPERATING FUND THROUGH MY ANNUAL PLEDGE. HOW CAN I BE EXPECTED TO GIVE MORE?**

We understand that undertaking a project as large as this involves sacrifice. Through prayerful and sacrificial giving, we believe that St. Christopher's can realize its goal, have a successful campaign, and restore the space where we worship God. Sacrificial giving means a level of stewardship above and beyond our regular commitment to God through our tithes and offerings. It requires reassessing our spending, and adjusting our priorities to meet God's call in our lives. We must pray for the mission and ministry of St. Christopher's, and further pray that the Holy Spirit will stir our hearts, strengthen our faith, and empower us to give generously, indeed sacrificially.

### **HOW MUCH WILL EACH FAMILY BE EXPECTED TO GIVE?**

The expectation is that each person and family pray. Giving amounts will vary for everyone, and our hope is that every parishioner will take personal ownership in this project and be led to give generously and sacrificially. Many Capital Campaigns put forth the idea, "Not equal gifts, but equal sacrifice."

*I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name.*

—John 15:15-16

## How Do I Make My Commitment and When Will Financial Commitments Be Received?

### Foundational Meetings

There will be three Foundational Meetings in September. Every member of St. Christopher's should attend **one** of these meetings which will be offered in Latham Hall:

**Wednesday, September 14 at 12:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday, September 14 at 7 p.m.**

**Thursday, September 15 at 7 p.m.**

Members will receive further detailed information about the campaign, a presentation by Father Nick Dyke, our campaign consultant, and Commitment Cards.

### Celebration Event

Commitment Cards will be received at our Celebration Event in Latham Hall on **Saturday, September 24 at 7 p.m.** The evening will feature a concert by David Stevens and the Morris Nelms Quartet performing hits from the Great American Songbook. This event has been underwritten by a generous donation allowing St. Christopher's to offer this fun evening free of charge.

### Celebration Sunday

Commitment Cards will be blessed during a special celebration of the Holy Eucharist on Celebration Sunday, **September 25 at 8 and 10:15 a.m.** This will be the time when most people will pledge their estimate of giving, but we know that cards will continue to arrive by mail. Therefore, we should be able to announce the results of the campaign by Sunday, October 2.

*'The people are bringing much more than enough for doing the work that the LORD has commanded us to do.'* So Moses gave command: *'No man or woman is to make anything else as an offering for the sanctuary.'* So the people were restrained from bringing; for what they had already brought was more than enough to do all the work.  
—Exodus 36:1-7

**WHAT IS THE TIME PERIOD FOR FULFILLING COMMITMENTS?**

Financial commitments will be given over a three-year period. The giving period will be from Advent 2011 through the season after Pentecost 2014 (December 1, 2011 through November 30, 2014).

**WHAT CAN I DO NOW?**

Prayer must be our first priority. Please pray for this campaign and the exciting project to renovate our church. Pray that everything we do in this campaign will be consistent with God’s purposes and design for us and our church. Pray about your sacrificial gift, and have faith that God will provide. Use your Devotional Booklet daily to keep you connected to God and to this community throughout the campaign.

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For assistance in structuring the payment of your gift:  
*(Know that gifts of any denomination are accepted)*

<b>3 Year Total</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Quarterly</b>	<b>Annually</b>
<b>\$1,000</b>	\$28	\$83	\$333
<b>\$1,500</b>	\$42	\$125	\$500
<b>\$3,000</b>	\$83	\$250	\$1,000
<b>\$6,000</b>	\$167	\$500	\$2,000
<b>\$9,000</b>	\$250	\$750	\$3,000
<b>\$15,000</b>	\$417	\$1,250	\$5,000
<b>\$20,000</b>	\$556	\$1,667	\$6,667



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# Mission

*Commit your work to the Lord,  
and your plans will be established.*

—Proverbs 16:3

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