

Questions & Answers



Q. Why are we conducting a Capital Campaign?

A. Immanuel Anglican Church has a mortgage debt of \$645,000 (as of September 2016) - comprised of the cost to purchase and develop our nearly 10 acres of property (permanent paved parking, lighting, drainage and the cost of our current temporary portable buildings). This debt must be paid off before we can begin building much needed permanent facilities. As the current "temporary" buildings that we now use are about half-way through their expected serviceable life, we must start planning now for the future when they will become unusable or too costly to maintain. We have worked with a local architect and also an architect who is a member of our congregation, to develop a preliminary concept for a new permanent sanctuary building estimated to cost \$1.5 million for construction (\$1,500,000).

Q. What is the Capital Campaign goal?

A. The goal of the Faith-Foundation-Future Capital Campaign is to raise minimum of \$800,000 to retire the mortgage and begin construction planning.

Q. How will the funds raised be used?

A. All funds raised over and above retiring the debt will be solely dedicated to a designated building fund and used only for that purpose. Donations to the Faith-Foundation-Future Capital Funds Campaign are therefore needed in addition to the regular tithes and offerings given for the church's general operating budget.

Q. When will our Campaign start and how long will it last?

A. We celebrate the beginning of the Faith-Foundation-Future Capital Campaign at our Annual Fall Festival for our entire faith community on Sunday, October 30, 2016. For those who wish, your Faith Promise contributions may be spread out over a 3-year period (start in January 2017 and continue over a three-year period) or you may start making payments or fulfill your "Faith Promise" in full at any time. The sooner we eliminate our debt the sooner we will be able to begin Phase 1 construction!

Q. How will we make our contributions?

A. We will be asked to make a "Faith Promise." A "Faith Promise" is a gift commitment that represents a sacrifice to support God's work. The total amount you pledge may be given over a three-year period. Please decide on the "Faith Promise" that represents your family's ability to contribute.

Q. Will all parishioners be asked to make a sacrificial gift?

A. Each parish family or household is asked to make a sacrificial financial commitment which is in addition to your regular stewardship tithes and offering. The total amount pledged may be paid over a three-year period and in most cases, is fully tax-deductible.

Q. Is a Campaign "faith promise" a legally binding document?

A. A signed "Faith Promise Card" is not a promissory note, but rather a declaration of intent a promise made in faith. It is understood that any gift commitment maybe revised, upward or downward, should your circumstances change.

Q. Can I donate assets other than cash?

A. We encourage creative ways to give such as appreciated real estate, stock, or other assets. In most cases, you may take a tax-deduction for the full value of the gift and, at the same time, avoid paying capital gains tax.

Q. Can I just give, without signing a "Faith Promise Card?"

A. You most certainly can; however, for us to best plan, we need to know how much we can expect from the Campaign.

Q. What is meant by a Faith Promise?

A. A Faith Promise is a gift that represents sacrifice to support God's work through the Church. The Faith Promise gift is in addition to the amount you now regularly commit to Immanuel Anglican Church. With prayerful thought, it is up to you and/or your family to decide the amount of your Faith Promise.

Q. Are Faith Promise contributions tax deductible?

A. Yes, if you itemize charitable contributions on your tax return, the amount that you pay each year toward your total Faith Promise is usually tax deductible.

Q. Is this Faith Promise in addition to my regular tithe or weekly offering?

A. YES, your weekly contribution to the general collection supports the day to day operation expenses of the parish, including faith formation, liturgy, maintaining our facilities and personnel. The Faith Promise to the Capital Campaign is separate.

Q. How much am I expected to give?

A. This is a personal decision for you to make only after prayerful thought, keeping in mind God's many gifts to you. The information provided in this brochure is designed to assist you in making this personal determination. Our goal is not "equal gifts," but rather "equal sacrifice."

Q. Will others who are not congregation members be asked to give?

A. Immanuel Anglican Church has many ministries which reach those who are not members of our congregation. We have also been blessed in the past with gifts from businesses or individuals who have contributed to the parish. We welcome all gifts of financial resources, time/professional expertise, goods and services, etc. to assist in our Faith-Foundation-Future Capital Campaign and the planning and building of our new Sanctuary.

Q. Why do we need a professional fundraising consultant like Kirby-Smith Associates?

A. The experience of most churches who have conducted major fundraising campaigns proves that a well-planned and organized campaign, such as the campaign planned for us by Kirby-Smith Associates, will result in an increase in total gifts and will provide a higher percentage of fulfilled gifts. Founded in 1938, Kirby-Smith Associates has assisted more than 20,000 Christian churches, schools and faith communities raise a total of more than \$6 billion. The services are based on a flat fee regardless of how much money is raised through our Campaign.

Other questions? Feel free to email the church administrator Thomas Denny (thomas@iacdestin.org) or Rector Rev. Caleb Miller (caleb@iacdestin.org) or call them at the church office (850.837.6324).