



St. John's Episcopal Church Capital Campaign Update July 2020

Dear St. John's Members and Friends,

We want to extend gratitude for generous pledges to the *Affirming our Welcome: Building in Faith* three-year Capital Campaign. If you have made a pledge to the Campaign, your total pledge, the amount you have contributed to-date (through June 2020), and your remaining balance through 2022 is included on the enclosed statement. Your ongoing support is enabling us to make many important upgrades to our facility, which will help us live more fully into our call to serve God, each other, and our community. We are continuing to move forward with the important work of the campaign to ensure that we are able to meet all our goals for these very important enhancements to make our facilities more welcoming for all.

Where we are with pledges, grants and loans:

First, we have exciting news to report regarding campaign income. We have received \$414,079 to-date of the \$885,151 pledged by 134 members and friends of the St. John's family. We are midway through the first full year of our three-year campaign, AND, we have already achieved nearly 47 percent of the total pledged donations! This is an awesome expression of your faith and belief in this campaign, especially during the challenging times brought about by the current pandemic.

In addition to pledges by parishioners and friends, we received a \$15,000 grant from Diocesan Council and a second grant from the Trustees of the Diocese for \$25,000. And as a reminder, the diocese has also approved a low interest line of credit for up to \$200,000 to help support our cash flow as we move forward with the implementation phase.

Where we are with our projects:

Next, in case you missed the news earlier this summer, we are very happy to report that our first project - comprehensive roof repairs - is complete! With a building as large and complex as ours, we will always have a need for some ongoing roofing work, but through your generosity this important project has helped to secure the future of the entire facility and will extend the life of many of the roof surfaces. This project included replacement of the roof above the chapel and chapel entrance, 200 composite tiles were replaced on the sanctuary roof, the A-frame trim boards have been clad in aluminum, significant repairs have been done on the library roof, and many other minor repairs throughout the building have addressed other areas of concern. This work was estimated to cost \$75,000, but the final cost came in under budget at \$63,420!

We continue to make progress on the heating and cooling upgrade project, including replacing the original boiler and adding cooling to the Sanctuary, Chapel, and Jatho Hall. Our plans have been approved by the city, and *Fire and Ice Mechanical Co.* began work on site on July 10th. The equipment needed for the project has been fabricated and is on its way to us from Indiana. Installation work will continue over the next several weeks. We do not have an estimated date of completion yet, but we hope the project will be done mid to late August. This project was most recently estimated to cost approximately \$425,000, but the contract for this work (not including a contingency for unexpected conditions) is \$329,000.

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We are currently soliciting bids for repairs to the accessible ramp at the Woodward entrance, which is an important component of our overall accessibility project. If you have not seen this area recently, the retaining wall adjacent to the sloped sidewalk is failing and the concrete ramp is badly cracked. The brick wall will be replaced with a more stable poured concrete wall that will complement the building and the concrete sidewalk/ramp will be replaced. This ramp gives people direct access to the sanctuary and the existing elevator.

We are also finalizing plans to add solar glass coating to the sanctuary windows to help reduce heat gain in conjunction with the new sanctuary cooling system. Samples of reflective window film have been installed on the west transept window and we will be making a final product selection soon. This transparent film will block the morning sun, reduce glare, and reduce the heat load, which will make the HVAC system run more efficiently. We plan to add the protective film to the east transept where we get the most heat gain and glare, especially in the mornings, but we may also add film to other sanctuary windows as well depending on the cost.

For the accessibility project (entry vestibule, elevator, etc.), we still plan to continue the design process for this project in the fall, which will allow us to “put the project out to bid” next winter. Our hope is that this project will be complete by the end of the summer of 2021. We are not planning any significant changes to the plans for this project – the entry vestibule and elevator are still central to our ability to welcome all to our space – but rest assured that in the next phase of design we will be incorporating measures to enhance safe and hygienic access to the building in response to what we have learned about communicable diseases.

Thank you

In all that we do, we continue to be so grateful for this community, and for the prayers, financial support, and hard work we have witnessed from all of you. Collectively, we are demonstrating the love and resilience that has always been at the core of this amazing faith community but has been called upon in recent months in ways we could not have imagined. We are grateful to all of you for your care for one another and your stewardship that will help to ensure another remarkable century of service to God and our neighbors at the corner of 11 Mile and Woodward!

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Ephesians 3:20-21 *Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.*

What if I haven't yet made a pledge but would like to give? If you would like to make a pledge or a contribution to the Capital Campaign, please use the enclosed 'pink envelope' or go to the St. John's website www.stjohnsroyaloak.org, click on the GIVE button and select the Capital Campaign option in making a one-time or recurring gift. Thank you.