



Dear Family and Friends of “One Ascension,”

I hope this update finds you in good spirits following the Thanksgiving holiday as we move into the season of Advent and our celebration of the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. I know that it has been a trying time for everyone in our community, yet with the love of God and the faith that we have in him, we will overcome this period with renewed spirit and commitment.

It’s been a little over a year since we began our capital campaign in September 2017. Your generous pledges and contributions towards this effort have been wonderful. With the pledges made thus far, we are at 76% of our goal; essentially \$3.3M of \$4.3M. This is a 6% increase since our December 2017 Celebration Sunday.

This past summer, as we celebrated our 70-year anniversary as a Congregation, we revitalized the sanctuary, realizing one of the two project goals that we set out to accomplish. This milestone was significant as it supports at least two of our vision focus areas: Worship and Evangelism/Outreach. Improving standards in our sanctuary not only enhances our worship services for members, but creates an inviting atmosphere for visitors, with hopes that it encourages those looking for a church home to join us. Both of our priority projects support our mission by “*creating opportunities for all people to become devoted followers of Christ.*”

Our campaign continues and the Campaign Action Team (CAT), made up of Pastor Tim, Sherith Squires, Lauren Godfrey, Paul Evenson, and myself, is meeting on a regular basis to keep the effort energized. We affectionately call this phase of the campaign “Mission Possible – 2.0,” and our focus is on closing the \$1M financial gap so that we can maintain the timeline that was proposed by the Master Plan Implementation Team (MPIT) and recommended by Church Council. Pending congregational approval in January of 2019, grading for this project is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2019, when school will be out of session, with construction to be completed by the fall of 2020.

We trust that everyone has had an opportunity to learn about our campaign, but if you haven’t, please visit our website at www.alcto.org/mission-possible. One way to join us on our journey is to pledge a gift, delivered over a three-year period, or make a onetime financial gift. The chart at the right may assist you in determining how you can help the effort. Look at the gift amount column (boxed in red) to see where you might feel comfortable giving. To stretch, look at the amount on the next line up. Is that within your capacity? Again, the gift can be over a three-year period, or more. End of year giving tends to present opportunities.

# Of Gifts	Amount	Total	Cum Total
1	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
2	\$50,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$200,000.00
3	\$30,000.00	\$90,000.00	\$290,000.00
4	\$20,000.00	\$80,000.00	\$370,000.00
5	\$13,000.00	\$65,000.00	\$435,000.00
6	\$7,000.00	\$42,000.00	\$477,000.00
8	\$6,000.00	\$48,000.00	\$525,000.00
12	\$5,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$585,000.00
18	\$4,000.00	\$72,000.00	\$657,000.00
30	\$3,000.00	\$90,000.00	\$747,000.00
40	\$2,500.00	\$100,000.00	\$847,000.00
60	\$1,500.00	\$90,000.00	\$937,000.00
80	\$750.00	\$60,000.00	\$997,000.00
125	\$450.00	\$56,250.00	\$1,053,250.00
Many	\$10-\$50	\$46,750.00	\$1,100,000.00

Construction of the ECC serves several purposes and aligns with our vision to focus on Children, Youth, and Family ministries. Three years ago, Ascension entered into an agreement with the City of Thousand Oaks when we moved the modular buildings onto our property. We were to follow a path that led to construction of permanent facilities for our early childhood program. Constructing this facility keeps good faith with the City, but it also allows us to use those modular facilities for other purposes, as long as we demonstrate that we are working towards

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building out the rest of our Master Plan. One such purpose could be an advanced science lab for our K-8 students. A multi-purpose room is envisioned for the new ECC, which will be used to accommodate various church functions in addition to parent-toddler classes each week. Additionally, in the plan is an extensive garden that will serve our Nature Explorer component of the school's curriculum and also serve as a community garden. Where does your passion reside? There is something in the works here for everyone. Unleash your imagination and show us where you would like to lend your support. Our campus is on the path of continuous improvement and we want you to be a part of it.

Below is an artist rendering of the ECC...the current focus of our fund raising efforts. We're looking for the donor, who has an emotional tie or passion for this effort and has the capacity to make a significant contribution to the campaign, and we will name this new learning facility after that person or family.



When we started this campaign last fall, we had high hopes that our Congregation would step up to the challenge and help us raise the needed capital. Our hopes are just as high today. We do not want to incur additional long term debt, as we are currently paying off the loan established when we purchased the land that the ECC, and other parts of the Master Plan, will be built upon. Urgency is raised by the fact that we are under a city requirement to build permanent facilities for our ECC, and the cost of construction is not likely to decrease. Unless we are able to raise the additional \$1M needed to cover costs, we will most likely have to take out a long-term construction loan to complete this project per the current timeline. However we look at it, raising funds to cover the cost of construction now or raising funds to pay down the debt in the future, it will be less costly now. The time is now.

As our important journey continues, we respectfully ask that you consider where you can assist us in reaching the goal. Completion of this project is a critical piece of the plan that will bring us one step closer to achieving our vision of "One Ascension," a united Church, School, and Foundation and enable us to fulfill our mission of "*creating opportunities for all people to become devoted followers of Christ.*" Being a retired military guy...I always come back to accomplishing the mission. That is what this is all about.

Thank you,

Todd Klipp
Chair, Mission Possible

Let's Do It!