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— PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH —

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imagine
GIVING OUR BEST TO GOD.

A CAMPAIGN FOR THE
TRANSFORMATION OF
WHITE MEMORIAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH





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GIVING YOUR BEST TO GOD-
ALL THE TIME, EVERY DAY.

Our God is an amazing God who loves us, challenges us, suffers with us, cares for us, refines and transforms us.

There is no doubt that God expects our faithfulness and our full cooperation in the coming of the kingdom and through the work of the church in the world. In this work God deserves our very best.

If we trust and allow God to work through us and within us, God will transform us into our fullest selves as disciples and servants.



imagine...
GIVING OUR BEST AS INDIVIDUALS
AND AS A FAITH COMMUNITY.

God has been leading our congregation through Holy Conversations, employing the Holy Spirit to guide the Implementation Team, moving within our elders and deacons through the strategic planning process. Now God is calling us to consider building plans and even our own financial gifts to support our vision to offer to God our very best. Without God's help this task is barely imaginable. But with God's help, it is possible and becoming more visible by the day.



so imagine...

“worship the Lord with gladness” – Psalm 100:2

A faith community that fully engages its members of all ages in worship—in service formats and environments that give each member, young and mature, the best chance to connect deeply with God. Will we trust God to lead us into stronger relationships with Jesus Christ through worship?

imagine...

doors to the community that open outward onto Oberlin Road and welcome the community into our campus. Today, nearly all of our doors are on the interior, indicating an inward focus which does not align with our long-standing commitment to local mission. Will we allow God to help us change the way our neighbors view us?





imagine...

teenagers spending their afternoons in a coffee house-like space on campus where young people from around Raleigh are welcomed to spend time in a holy, safe and comfy space.

A newly designed youth area will help us make good on decades of case studies and informal promises. This new youth area will support our efforts in fellowship and discipleship formation for years to come. Will we follow God and give them space to be formed in the faith while they are having fun?



imagine...
trusting God to create space in order to love each
other through events such as weddings, funerals, and
other milestone life events?



imagine...
a church where visitors can easily find their way to a
staff member during the week or to worship on Sunday.



Imagine...

our investment in our ministry partners in support of their work locally and abroad. Our campaign will create the White Memorial Imagine Fund—a fund to support the effort of our service committees, increasing our investment in ministry partners. Will we allow God to use our investment to strengthen the kingdom of grace through our work and our partnerships with others?



imagine...

as a leader of Christian conversation in the Triangle,
a campaign that will enable us to turn vision into service.
We will be able to create focused areas of support to reach
and serve the church of our children and grandchildren. We
can play a role in ensuring that the church universal will be
as relevant for them as it is for us.



imagine...
A CAMPUS THAT TRULY TELLS OUR STORY.

As our seventy-fifth anniversary approaches, we have an historic opportunity to transform our campus and ministry for generations to come. Will we embrace this opportunity to provide for their future? Will we respond to this moment when we might leave a substantial legacy?



why now?

“do everything for the glory of God” – 1 Corinthians 10:31

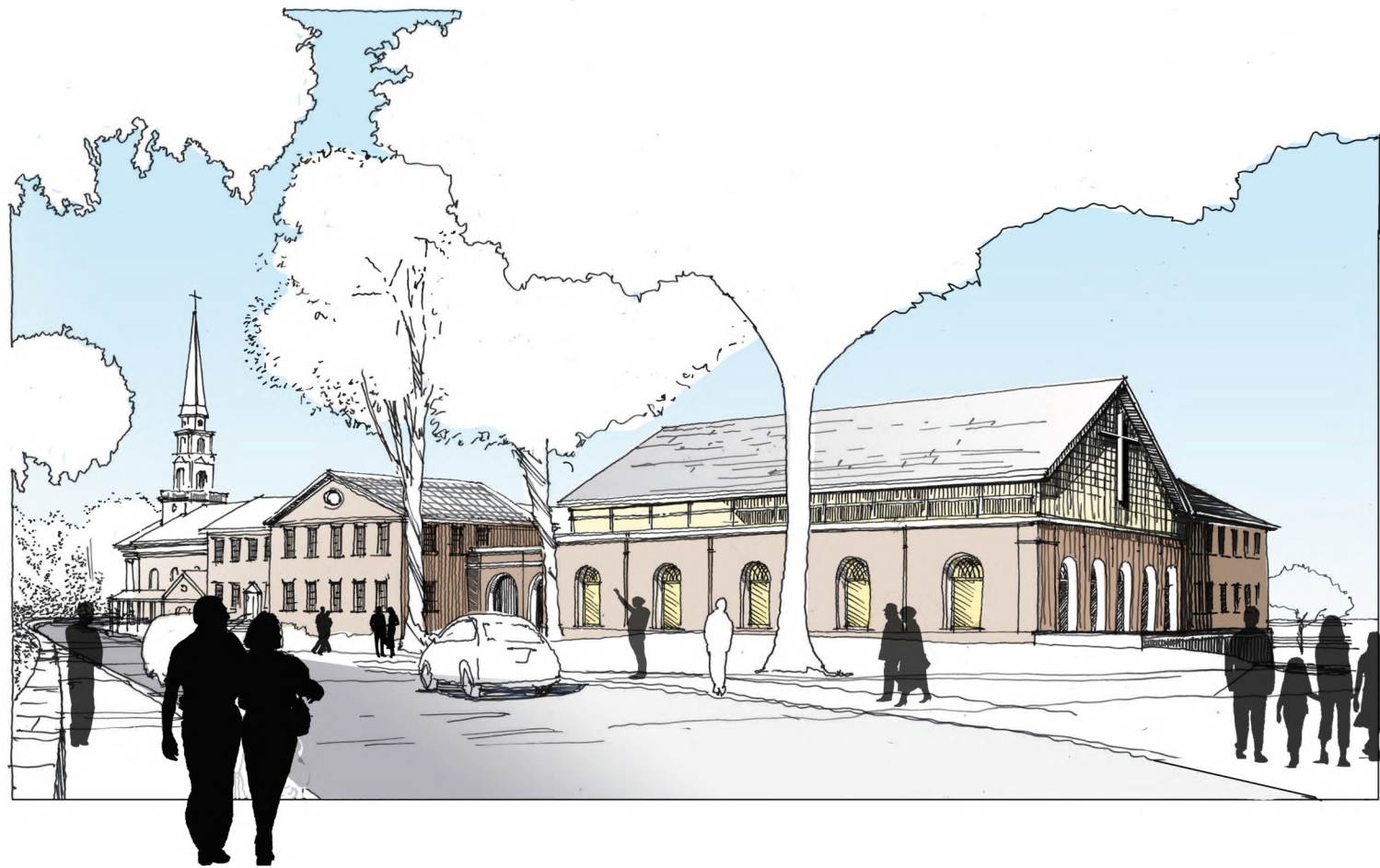
If we are to grow the reach and impact of our ministry, making a witness for a grace-forward Reformed theology with a commitment to service in our city, then our space must be reconfigured and reconstituted for ministry opportunities in the years to come.

Our worship spaces, kitchen, dining room, gym, classrooms, youth areas, offices, storage, and some of our technology were designed for a different time in the life of our congregation.

Having been blessed by the purchase of property adjacent to our campus, we now have an opportunity to configure our physical spaces to support our ministry in our commitment to giving our best to God.

the plan...

“to this end we work, for we have hope in the living God.” -1 Timothy 4:10



In keeping with our commitment to Worship, Embrace, Serve, our building committee has explored ways to better position our facilities to allow us to give our collective best to God. Some of these physical changes are designed to meet the needs of a particular ministry or area of pastoral care. However, one of the greatest gifts of this physical transformation is the ability to imagine—to rethink how we can better serve God and strengthen the kingdom.



therefore, we worship

“worship the Lord your God, and serve God alone” – Luke 4:8

This campaign will afford the expansion of worship opportunities. The renovation of Davidson Chapel has allowed for smaller services of contemplative worship and prayer – innovative forms of Christian devotion. The creation of new worship space for OnPoint@1704 will secure a future for the offering of our gifts of worship. A comprehensive renovation of the Knox building will allow for new technological tools for our church school classes and open doors to innovative worship and formation for our children and adults.



therefore we embrace

“and he took them into his arms, laid hands on them, and blessed them” – Mark 10:16

This campaign focuses on the need to prioritize and create space which will revolutionize our ability to embrace one another as we embrace our faith.

Imagine an updated gymnasium that will expand on what we offer as a church family for recreation to our members and weekday school. It will broaden our capacity to serve in and partner with our community.

New fellowship spaces will allow groups to convene for learning and prayer beyond our current capacities. This campaign allows for crafting new meeting spaces for our church family and our mission partners. The primary need is for groups of 70 - 200 where we do not have adequate room in our current configurations.

Updated areas for education and pastoral care are required in order to maintain our foundation of excellence and articulate a future for vital Christian formation. We must also create additional spaces with audio and video capabilities for those with challenged eyesight or hearing.

Meals are important at White Memorial with the kitchen housed at the center of our campus for good reason. Our kitchen has reached the limits of its life-span. A new kitchen is a necessity.

therefore we serve

Jesus said, "Go and do likewise" - Luke 10:37



A comprehensive campaign will expand our ability to serve our community as Jesus calls us to serve - both in our church building and through our mission partners.

Newly designed space allows the expansion of onsite relationships and the opportunity to explore new partnerships. This campaign will create prominent spaces for clothing, food, book, and other collections. It will also allow community partners the right space to hold fundraisers, luncheons, and other activities essential to their growth and prosperity.



the investment

“trust in the Lord with all your heart.” - Proverbs 3:5

In 1946 a group of Presbyterian Christians responded in faith to what they discerned as a call to start a new church; we have inherited the fruits of that brave witness. Seventy years later, it is our turn to lead, give, and imagine a renewed future for White Memorial Church. Today, we join together to ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to each of us how we can truly give our best to God.

As we imagine the transformation of our physical space, our care for one another and our investment in our ministry partners, God has placed a potential \$18 million capital campaign before us. Clearly, giving our best to God requires an unprecedented spiritual, emotional, and financial investment from each of us. Like the widow's mite we are called to equal sacrifice, equal commitment.

This gift is to our church: to both its beautiful tradition and to its coming future. But finally and ultimately our comprehensive campaign is our means of tending to our parcel of God's kingdom. This comprehensive campaign will allow for the transformation of our life as a congregation with a reignited commitment to grace-forward Reformed theology and new levels of service.



Thank you for reading about White Memorial's Campaign for Transformation: *Imagine Giving Our Best to God*.

We ask that you prayerfully consider giving sacrificially and generously, participating with us in this transformational time in the life of our congregation.

We stand at the junction between what we have been and what we will become. The bible is full of testimony that such moments are sacred opportunities to lead and serve. I believe such a transformational moment is upon us and that we have an obligation to respond faithfully.

May grace abound,

Christopher H. Edmonston