



Smythe Street Cathedral 30 Years of Sharing God's Message



"The whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, AS EACH PART does its work." Ephesians 4:16 (NIV)

We are **next!**

We are part of a story. A story written by a group of courageous people who embarked on a seemingly impossible journey, moved by a vision they felt was from God. With only bold faith on their side they faced the daunting task of building Smythe Street Cathedral in the middle of some of the most difficult economic times, high interest rates and very few resources. I am honoured to have followed such an example. They left us a legacy of faith and sacrifice.

Yet we are part of an even greater legacy. One passed down to us throughout history, thousands of years and thousands of examples of courageous Christians who took risks and made huge sacrifices to pass on the Kingdom of our Lord and the message of the Church which is the Gospel. Jesus said, *"I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."* Matthew 16:18 (KJV)

Today our task is to take up the clarion call – we are 'next'. You are 'next' and I am 'next' to step up to the plate and pass on the legacy. We are it!

I am always challenged when I read the list of courageous men and women in Hebrews 11. Each took steps of faith, put God first, took risks and made sacrifices. Then the writer turns to us and says:

"Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us." Hebrews 12:1 (NKJV)

We face our 'next' challenge: to slay our 'next' giant. In this pamphlet you will be presented with a giant that "ensnares us" from reaching our greater potential as a church family. I firmly believe this is indeed our 'next' challenge. Together we can advance the legacy passed down to us. I urge you to take the 'next' step with us as we move forward in our church's future and vision.

God bless you all,



Pastor Verner Drost



Smythe Street Cathedral at the Crossroads

There comes a time in any organization when a choice has to be made between standing still and moving forward. We have come to that point at our church. Over the last 30 years the size of our congregation has increased four-fold to about 700 people. The church is strong and vibrant. The creative arts and music ministry is second to none. The youth ministry is strong and growing. The nursery ministry is a blessing to parents and little ones alike. The Sunday school program is soaring. Community groups have created a strong network of friendships and relationships that strengthen our church family. The Senior Pastor and Pastors excel in furthering the spiritual vision and direction. Pastoral care, community involvement, and international outreach are reflective of our caring church. These, and the active involvement of so many dedicated volunteers, are some of the assets that make Smythe Street Cathedral so special.

Given this description, you may well ask: what is the problem? Why is it necessary to have a Legacy Campaign? We seem to be doing OK, so why now?

Circumstances, largely beyond our control, have created challenges that threaten existing programs and our ability to move forward. Over the next year urgent building repairs, equipment replacements, and building renovations will bring the Church debt load to \$500,000. In this pamphlet you will find the details. While the debt load is manageable, it will also mean that for many years to come there will be no new funds available for church programs, new initiatives and missions. We will be paying interest to a financial institution, rather than investing in the future of our church. It will inevitably mean that the church will have to tread water rather than grow and bring new disciples for Christ. This pamphlet explains how, with a little sacrifice from each one of us, we can meet the challenge that has been presented.

Thank you for reading the information that follows. We hope that after prayerful consideration you will commit to playing a part in moving the legacy forward.

Church Building Issues

Phase 1 - Urgent Repairs

- ✗ Prayer Tower/ Severe water leakage and mold build up. Major structural changes required.
Cost: \$83,000
- ✗ Replace Heating & Air Conditioning Units/units worn out.
Cost: \$77,000

Phase 2 - Urgent Changes

These changes are designed to make more effective use of church space for the programs and to create an environment where people can connect in comfort.

- ✗ Moving Nursery upstairs/consolidate all children's activities on the second floor/structural changes.
- ✗ Create replacement offices for Pastors on main floor.
- ✗ Change & refurbish Foyer.
- ✗ Upgrade Fellowship Hall.
- ✗ Upgrade/change washrooms.
- ✗ **Phase 2 Projects Cost: \$75,000 (Estimated)**



Making room for Children

Phase 3 - Required Changes

- ✗ Refurbish the Sanctuary.
- ✗ Create additional parking/change traffic flow.
- ✗ Improve church signage.
- ✗ Kitchen repairs and improvements.
- ✗ **Phase 3 Project Cost: \$100,000 (Estimated)**

Total Costs of All Projects: \$335,000
 Current Church Mortgage: \$165,000
Total Projected Church Debt: \$500,000

The Crossroads Question for Our Church: Stay the Course or Change Course?

Compare

Stay the Course

Change Course

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| ● \$4,000/month for next 15+ years | ✗ All debt retired end 2016 |
| ● Raise \$100,000/Special Collections | ✗ No special collections |
| ● No Phase 3, if money not available | ✗ All Phases completed |
| ● No Capital Reserve Fund | ✗ Capital Reserve Fund |
| ● Church programs underfunded | ✗ \$50,000 per year extra for programs |
| ● Limited new church initiatives | ✗ New initiatives & outreach |
| ● Attention to spiritual growth diverted | ✗ Focus on spiritual growth |
| ● Church growth will plateau | ✗ Church in position to grow |

**The Board of Trustees and Membership have decided to
Change Course!**

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ADVANCING THE LEGACY

LEGACY CAMPAIGN OBJECTIVES

- 1. To complete all approved capital projects.**
- 2. To retire all accumulated debt [\$500,000] by the end of 2016.**
- 3. To establish a capital reserve fund*, effective January 1, 2017.**
- 4. To free up \$50,000/year for church programs, new initiatives and missions, starting with the 2017 budget year.**

*This fund will ensure that the church will be able to handle unanticipated building repairs over the foreseeable future.

Campaign at a Glance

Questions and Answers about the Legacy Campaign

1. Why are we having the campaign now?

After 30 years of wear and tear the church building requires urgent repairs and improvements. Our church growth has placed great strain on a building that was not designed for the numbers and activities that we now have.

2. How was the campaign target of \$500,000 arrived at?

To fund Phase 1 and 2, the mortgage has been re-opened (with the unanimous support of the Annual General Meeting) and by the end of the year will stand at \$400,000. There is currently no money for Phase 3 (estimated cost \$100,000). If all projects are completed the church debt load will be \$500,000.

3. Will mortgage payments over the next 4 years reduce the debt?

Yes. Over the next 4 years regular mortgage payments will reduce the principal by an estimated \$100,000. The intention is to set this amount aside as a capital reserve fund for future repairs and building improvements.

4. Why is it so important to pay off all the church debt?

Without monthly debt payments, approximately \$50,000/year would be freed up by the end of 2016 for existing programs, new initiatives, and missions. If we leave things as they currently stand, we will not be able to do that for 15+ years. We will be paying interest to a financial institution, rather than investing in the future of the church.

5. Can I decide how to give?

Yes you can. Methods of payment are outlined in a few pages at the end of this pamphlet.

6. How much am I expected to give?

The decision whether or not to contribute to the campaign is yours alone. You should pray and ask for God’s guidance. Not everyone can give the same amount, but we can all make a sacrifice within our means.

7. Can I contribute in Memory of a loved one?

Yes you can. This would be a meaningful tribute to a loved one.

8. Is my contribution to the Legacy Campaign separate from my tithe and offerings?

Yes. The two are separate. It is important for the church ongoing operations that the tithe and offerings to the Lord do not decline as a result of the Legacy Campaign gift.

9. Will campaign progress be reported to us?

Yes. Individual pledges will be kept confidential. However, aggregate totals will be reported throughout the campaign, likely starting in early September.

10. How long will the campaign last?

The campaign will start on August 7th and will conclude in February, 2013. There will be an official campaign kick-off banquet on Saturday, September 22nd [Note that date!]. This will also coincide with the 30 year anniversary celebration of Smythe Street Cathedral.

11. Who is running the Legacy Campaign?

The campaign is run entirely by church volunteers. All monies gifted to the campaign will go toward repairing, refurbishing and improving the church facilities.

If you have any questions or require further clarification, please contact the Legacy Campaign through next@smythestreetcathedral.com

Together We Can Do a Lot!

The campaign has been developed and will be managed by volunteers from our church. Therefore, except for some minor costs related to design, printing and mailing of campaign materials, all the money raised will go towards the capital projects described in this pamphlet. Strict controls for the use and accounting of the money are in place.

To assist you in the decision-making, the following sample chart is provided to give you a graphic indication of how a little bit can add up to a lot over a period of 48 months.

Monthly	Annually	48 Months
\$30	\$360	\$1,440
\$60	\$720	\$2,880
\$90	\$1,080	\$4,320
\$120	\$1,440	\$5,760
\$150	\$1,800	\$7,200

Note: \$30/month = 1 unit \$30/month = \$1/day 348 units = \$500,000

The sample chart may also be helpful in deciding the amount of your gift if you choose a method other than a monthly contribution.

The next page describes several ways in which you can contribute.



TEAM: As Each One Does Their Part

How Can I Contribute to the Legacy Campaign?

Pre-Authorized Debit

You can pre-authorize Smythe Street Cathedral to receive your donation on a specific day of each month directly from your bank account. We are recommending this method when possible, as it makes planning easier and the church incurs less in the way of fees when compared to credit card transactions. All you need to do is complete the PAD form in this information package and attach a cancelled cheque and put this with the Commitment form. We will do the rest.



Online Banking

If you use the Bill Payment section of your bank's online banking website simply add another bill using your envelope number and the word NEXT.

Example: Giving with the envelope # 987 would have a Bill Payer Account number of: 0987NEXT.

For more information about setting up online banking visit our website at: <http://www.smythestreetcathedral.com/donate/giveonline>

One Time Campaign Gift

Please indicate the amount on the Commitment Form.

If at any time you would like to make an additional campaign contribution, include it along with your regular tithe and offerings on Sundays. When giving please mark the donation envelope with the word NEXT.

If any further clarification is required please contact the campaign at next@smythestreetcathedral.com



My Commitment to Our Campaign

YES, I want to help move the Legacy forward by:

- Pre-authorized Debit (PAD) of \$ _____ /month for 48 months
[Please complete the enclosed PAD form and attach a cancelled cheque]
- Online Banking of \$ _____ /weekly/bi-weekly/monthly for 48 months. [Please circle frequency selected]
- A One Time Campaign Gift in the amount of \$ _____.
(please include donation with this form, in a Sunday offering or submit online.)

Please detach form and return.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Town, Prov: _____

Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

We care about your privacy, and will only use your personal information for our church communication and ministry purposes.

“Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”
2 Corinthians 9:7 (NIV)