



# Life Abundant

building joyful community

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## THE RESULTS ARE IN!

With faith and joy, our congregation took the bold step to engage in our capital campaign, **Life Abundant - building joyful community**. As of this printing, the total amount committed is ...

\$436,950!

Thanks be to God for the generosity expressed by many members of our church! We're blessed in the spirit of giving that we all share. We have had 59% of households commit to a pledge. There is still plenty of opportunity and capacity for increasing our total. If you haven't yet had the chance to pledge or make a gift, please do so. More than the finances, our goal is 100% participation. All gifts are good gifts, and everyone is needed in order for us to bring the vision for our building renovations to reality. The Life Abundant team will be contacting local businesses, music organizations and grant foundations to help fill the gap to meet our goal.

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!**

Dear Christ Church Family,

In February we wrote to you about launching our capital campaign, and our excitement about how this campaign would strengthen our church.

We are filled with gratitude for your involvement in each step of this journey we've been on. You accepted roles and responsibilities on the campaign team and various task groups. You attended informational gatherings and spent time in spiritual discernment. You asked questions and talked with others in our church about the importance of giving and what it means to be a part of Christ Church. You spent time discerning the call. You read your newsletters and offered suggestions regarding what you wanted to hear about.

You made time to celebrate together at our banquet, and then offered your financial commitments to the campaign on Commitment Sunday – symbols of thanksgiving and praise for God's abundance.

Through your participation, prayers and pledges we are demonstrating our commitment to the future of our church home and to the community we serve. We have been blessed all along the way with your generosity and God's grace.

THANK YOU for your commitment and investment in the **Life Abundant - building joyful community** campaign. And thank you in advance to those who have yet to commit. Together we look forward to living into a bright future at Christ Church.

With gratitude,  
Carlotta Han and Mary Lou Hatcher, Campaign Co-Chairs

## A TREMENDOUS CELEBRATION

Christ Church gathered for a wonderful celebration on Saturday, May 13 at the Officer's Club at Magnuson Park. It was an evening to reconnect with old friends and to celebrate God's Abundance in our lives. A big thank you to the many parishoners who helped make the celebration so special!



### Angels Commitment Gathering

A week before the Banquet, there was a gathering at The Mountaineering Club, on the 16th floor of The Graduate (formerly The Meany Hotel). This was a chance for parishioners who wanted to make an early commitment to the *Life Abundant* Campaign to gather, celebrate and make an early pledge. The views were amazing (along with a rainbow!) and the stories of faith and love for Christ Church were an inspiration.



## From Our Consultant: “Well done, Christ Church!”

From the beginning, your ***Life Abundant - building joyful community*** campaign has been designed to help Christ Church move forward in completing vital renovations to your building. Your campaign has been a process that has involved the whole congregation in a time of inspiration and reflection on God’s call to you, and the expression of that call in and through the life and service of the Christ Church family. Through dialogue, fellowship, informational gatherings and a series of excellent publications, you have grown together in your love and commitment to your church.

Your campaign has been about more than just finances. It has been about the spirit that moves through Christ Church and the incredible ministry you serve. It’s been about honoring the commitment of everyone who has provided for the church over the years and ensuring a bright future for Christ Church for years to come.

Now as you complete the active phase of your campaign and enter the three-year gifting phase, I give thanks to God for the dedication and generosity you’ve demonstrated as a congregation so far. I pray you “stay the course” and continue in your generosity to bring your vision to life. It is a delight and a blessing to continue to walk in partnership with you and assist you in being as successful as possible.

“Thank You!” to everyone who has made a financial commitment or gift to the campaign. And “Thank You!” to Rev. Shelly and your church staff; to Mary Lou and Carlotta, your wonderful Campaign Co-Chairs; and to your awesome Campaign Team and their committees for their leadership, hard work, and commitment.

The most important message of your campaign has been that you, as God’s people, are united together in your efforts to better serve one another and your community. Keep up the good work!

Marc Rieke, Consultant  
The Enrichment Group

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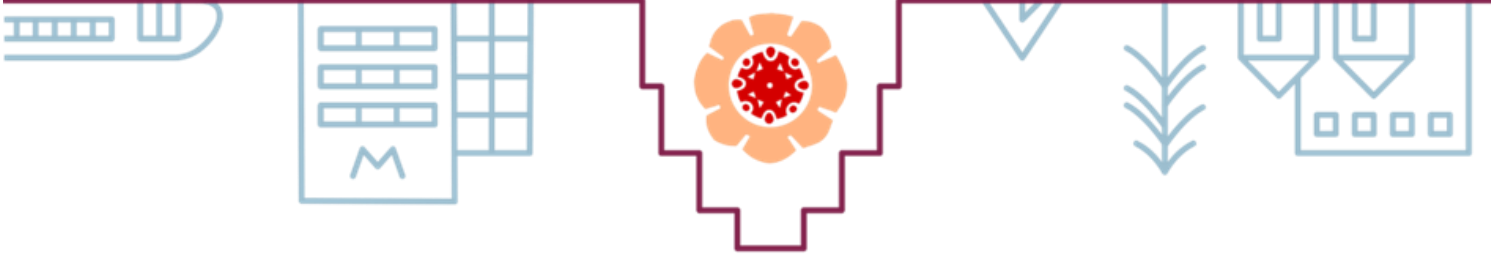
### MAKING YOUR GIFTS TO OUR CAMPAIGN

Your three-year pledge commitment to our ***Life Abundant - building joyful community*** Capital Campaign may be paid in weekly, monthly, quarterly, annual, or one-time gift increments. You, as the donor, will decide how best to complete your pledge.

Financial pledges are not legal obligations; however, it is anticipated that people made their pledges in good faith and will fulfill these fully. If circumstances change, you may revise your pledge by notifying the church.

Gifts toward fulfilling your pledge may be made online through the church’s website, electronically (preferably through Zelle) or by check. Please be sure to write separate checks for your annual and capital contributions, and notate on the memo line that the gift is for either “Annual Stewardship” or “Capital Campaign” to distinguish the gifts.

If you are planning to gift an appreciated asset such as a stock, or make a distribution from an IRA, please contact Kathy Chamberlain at [office@christchurch.org](mailto:office@christchurch.org) to make sure that the transfer is accomplished appropriately.



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## *Looking Forward*

The Capital Campaign leadership team met recently and decided how to move onto the next phase of the capital campaign including:

1. Informing parishioners on their personal donation progress.
2. Keeping the congregation up to date about progress toward meeting the goal of the campaign (with as close as possible to 100% of the congregation pledging.)
3. Approaching outside businesses and organizations for donations.
4. Applying for grants for our project.

The team has worked very hard to get to our current abundance in pledges. Thank you for your generosity! Parishioners can expect to see updated information in the Daily Bread as well as in letters mailed to you. Anyone wishing to be on the team looking for grants or wanting to develop the plan for visiting businesses and organizations, please phone or email the church office at 206-633-1611 or [office @christchurch.org](mailto:office@christchurch.org).