



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 1. Do we expect to raise the entire \$6 million in this campaign?** While we hope to raise as close to \$6 million as possible, Horizons believes that, in this campaign, we can raise \$3-3.4 million.
- 2. What happens if we DON'T raise the estimated \$3-3.4 million?** The Session will hold a meeting to reevaluate the most faithful way forward with regard to the old building and the CE wing.
- 3. What happens if we DO raise \$3.4 million or more in our campaign?** The greater the pledged amount, the less our debt will need to be to complete the project. The Session would welcome a capital campaign that exceeds the \$3.4 million goal set by Horizons.
- 4. What is the timeline for the campaign? When will we know how much we have pledged to the campaign?** The campaign begins with the mailing of this Vision Brochure to all of our 260 potential pledging households. Pledge Sunday is October 30th. We will announce the results of the campaign on Sunday, December 4th.
- 5. What happens to our annual stewardship campaign for our 2017 operating budget?** Our annual stewardship campaign will run concurrently with our capital campaign. Members will be asked to make two pledges on October 30th—one to the 2017 operating budget, and one to the capital campaign.
- 6. Will running a capital campaign at the same time as our annual stewardship campaign reduce pledges for both?** Every stewardship consultant we spoke with said this almost never happens. Pledges to the capital campaign are made out of a “different pocket.” We are not asking members to take their annual pledge and split it in half. We are asking our membership to consider additional financial resources to be pledged to the capital campaign.
- 7. But the Session approved a deficit budget in 2016. How can we expect a capital campaign to succeed?** Our 2016 income and expenses are doing well. Northridge has a history of approving deficit budgets at the start of the year, but ending the year “in the black.” We have a generous congregation.
- 8. Is everyone expected to pledge the same amount to the capital campaign?** No. We recognize that each of our households has different financial capacities. The motto for this capital campaign is not equal gifts, but equal sacrifice.
- 9. Who authorizes a congregation to go into debt?** If and when the time comes for us to consider taking out a loan, a congregational meeting will be held to vote on whether or not to approve the loan. Grace Presbytery, through its Administrative Commission on Property, will also need to approve the loan.
- 10. Do we currently have any debt?** No.



- 11. Do we have any assets that can be used toward the cost of the project, such as the proceeds from the sale of the manse five years ago?** Yes. We expect to have over \$350,000 to help fund the costs of our building project.
- 12. How will debt affect the operating budget?** This depends on many factors, including the size of the debt, the terms of the loan, and our congregation's pledging commitment to our 2017 operating budget. Again, the more successful the campaign is, the less impact there would be on our operating budget.
- 13. If we have a successful campaign, when would construction start?** We hope to begin new construction in the summer of 2017.
- 14. What happens while the building is under construction?** We anticipate that construction would be done in two phases, so that some of the current "old wing" would be in use during the first phase. We would then move into the newly constructed portion while the remainder of the work is done. Inevitably, we will need to be flexible while construction is underway.
- 15. What is the effect on the Northridge Child Development Center?** The Board of the Northridge Child Development Center (NCDC) currently plans to keep NCDC going throughout the time that we are under construction. The Session will keep NCDC fully apprised of all developments so that the Board of NCDC can make informed decisions.
- 16. Will there be a second capital campaign?** Unless we raise the entire \$6 million, the Session anticipates that we will need a second capital campaign in three years. Terry Goolsby, our Horizons consultant, says that this is very common when a church of our size undertakes new construction.
- 17. Who is designing the new CE wing, and when will we see pictures of what the new CE wing will look like?** We are using the same architectural firm, GFF (formerly called Good Fulton and Farrell), that designed our sanctuary. GFF is aiming to give us conceptual drawings in September. Starting on September 25th, we will have a series of adult education classes that may also serve as "town hall meetings." Those classes will allow our members to see pictures, ask questions, learn about how we got here, and become better informed.
- 18. How did we arrive at this point?** In our Vision 2020 process a few years ago, one of the clear and overwhelming requests made by our membership was to address the status of our "old building"—i.e., the current Christian Education wing. Since that time, numerous Northridge members have provided the necessary leadership—evaluating the old building and alternatives for improving that space—to get us where we are today.
- 19. Where can I find out more information about the Called to Grow campaign?** Visit www.northridgepc.org/calledtogrow.