

# UPON THIS ROCK

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

### 1. WHY DO WE NEED THIS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN?

There are two key pieces to this answer: Ministry and Mission

- Ministry - Effective ministry at Asbury or any church demands excellence in worship and a facility that enables us to position for the future. The building and technology improvements in this campaign cover a variety of enhancements that address these two demands. Each has an impact on the way in which we can do ministry.

- Mission – Funds to endow mission make a bold statement about our commitment to ministry beyond the walls of this church.

We must always remember that it's not “just about us,” it's about doing God's Kingdom work here at Asbury.

### 2. WHY DO WE NEED THIS CAMPAIGN NOW? WE JUST HAD ONE THAT BEGAN FIVE YEARS AGO.

Our last campaign focused largely on retiring debt, mostly “internal debt.” We also made a significant contribution to the conference “Bridges to the Future” campaign. Less than 25% went to building improvements and those were primarily deferred maintenance issues, e.g. boilers that had to be replaced and a section of the roof that had to be fixed.

We are now positioned to focus on growth, outreach, and mission.

### 3. HOW DOES THIS CAMPAIGN FULFILL THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH?

Excellence in ministry often begins with a first impression of a facility that is inviting and welcoming. Our vision is not only to be recognized as a place where “Progressive and Inclusive Christianity is Practiced and Preached,” but also to be bold in our welcome of all people, including persons who have felt excluded and hurt by the Church.

Therefore, we must attract and equip people to be God's hands and feet in our community and the world. Excellence in worship and an inviting facility are key to making that happen.

### 4. WHO DECIDED THAT WE NEED THESE THINGS DONE, AND WHY HAVEN'T WE HEARD ABOUT THIS BEFORE?

For years, the Trustees have attempted to provide for some of these enhancements through the annual budget, but funding has been limited. A few years ago, the Trustees did a thorough assessment of improvements and updates needed for our facility. Unfortunately, many of those needs could not be addressed due to limitations in our annual budget.

Recognizing this, a task force was formed and met throughout 2014. The task force looked at how the building was being used and what future needs could be anticipated. It became apparent that a capital campaign was needed in order to advance our ability to do effective ministry and to enhance our environmental stewardship. Therefore, the decision to explore the feasibility of a capital campaign has been evolving overtime.

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**5. DO WE HAVE ENOUGH MEMBERS TO SUPPORT A CAMPAIGN? AREN'T WE STILL LOSING MEMBERS?**

We are not still losing members. We have exactly one fewer than at the beginning of 2014, and the growing number of young families and children is very promising. We asked Horizons to do a feasibility study and that study concluded that our membership and financial position supports doing this campaign.

**6. WHAT ARE THE PRIORITIES? IF WE DON'T RAISE ENOUGH TO DO EVERYTHING, WHAT DOES GET DONE? WHO MAKES THE FINAL DECISIONS ABOUT HOW THE MONEY WILL BE USED?**

It is not a simple matter to come up with a list. Because of the interrelatedness of some of the projects, one can't list some at the exclusion of others.

The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church provides guidance to the process that will be followed. The Building Committee will make its recommendations to the Church Conference based on the campaign results. No one person or committee will make the final decisions. Once those are addressed, there will be a process that the Building Committee uses to solicit, receive, and approve bids.

**7. WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED COST OF EACH ITEM TO BE DONE? WE'VE HEARD THE TOTAL COST COULD BE \$1.1 MILLION. WHERE DID THAT COME FROM?**

The costs of the various components which make up the \$1.1 million were educated estimates made by the Chair of the Trustees. He is an architect and has worked on similar projects for other churches built in the same timeframe and similar style as Asbury. Clearly, these estimates will be refined as the Building Committee solicits bids.

**8. HOW WILL CONSTRUCTION AFFECT THE USE OF THE SANCTUARY? WHAT IS THE TIMELINE FOR CONSTRUCTION – WHEN WILL IT START AND END?**

Until contractors are hired, we can't know with certainty how the construction projects will affect building usage. The Building Committee will do all they can to minimize interference with ministry. The Building Committee and church staff will communicate with the congregation the construction projects and time line.