



St. John's Episcopal Church Capital Campaign FAQ and Answers

1. Why are we having a capital campaign? What is the reasoning behind it?

Our members and our local neighbors have commented that they feel "God is present and active at St. John's Episcopal Church." We, the congregation, believe that we are standing on the shoulders of past generations, while building a legacy for future generations to worship God in this place. Each of our campaign goals was chosen by congregational consensus to maintain and enhance the presence of God in this place and build upon that foundation for future generations.

2. What is our Capital Campaign Goal? \$200,000.00.

3. What are the Projects we plan to fund with this campaign?

The first project of the Capital Campaign is to restore our church's foundation and repaint the church. This came to light after our planning sessions in 2018, so has become a priority.

Estimated Costs: \$57,000.00

The second project is to utilize the south lot by adding utilities (electricity and water and a handicap accessible bathroom).

Estimated Costs: \$14,000.00

The Final Project is dependent on the availability of the North Side Property within the next three years. If that becomes available for purchase it is the intention at this point to purchase that property, if it does not money raised will go towards the handicap accessibility project.

Estimated Property Costs: \$100,000 as a down payment

Estimated Handicap Costs: \$150,000 for complete project

4. Can I write one combined check for my regular pledge and my Capital Campaign pledge, or do they have to be separate checks? *We need to have each offering be a separate check. The Capital Campaign funds we raise are being held in a separate bank account. It is extremely difficult to separate one check between one or more accounts. Make Campaign checks out to St. John's Episcopal Church but put CCP (Capital Campaign Project) in the memo line.*

5. How will I receive update reports on my Capital Campaign contributions?

The Capital Campaign Finance and Fulfillment Committee will send out quarterly statements along with your regular parish giving statements.

6. Will any of my money in this campaign go to the Diocese or the National Church? *NO, all the money raised in this campaign is for these specific St. John's projects.*

7. Who will see my pledge? *Only the Campaign Finance Committee: Susan Harrison, Robin Price and Susie Colson. Fr. Allen as Rector can see pledges if it would become necessary. We are striving to maintain as much confidentiality as possible.*

8. Will this money be held separately from the operating budget? *Yes, as noted above this money is in a different account than our regular operating funds. This money is only for these projects.*

9. How do I Pledge? *You can fill out a pledge card and pledge over a three-year period from April 2019 to April 2022. This spans four tax years. You can pay in a lump sum or in installments based on your preference when you sign the pledge card.*

10. Can I designate my gift for just one project in the campaign? *Vestry discretion will be utilized if a donor wishes to fund a project in its entirety otherwise members are asked to support the campaign in its entirety.*

11. Is the Capital Campaign Team making decisions and spending money without approval of the Vestry? *From the very beginning in December 2017, it was a Vestry decision to hire a capital campaign consultant to help St. John's through a campaign process. Various forms of communication have been used since then to keep the Vestry and congregation informed about the process at every step. The Vestry is being informed and advised by the Capital Campaign Team, and the Vestry is being asked to approve various aspects of the campaign along the way.*

12. Do the vision and ministry goals of the capital campaign end after the three year campaign? *A church that is alive in Christ and feels his presence and the leading of the Holy Spirit is never done discerning ministry. We will officially end this capital campaign in April 2022, when all who have committed to pledge have fulfilled their pledge payments. However, the Vestry and congregation may decide to continue to build upon the work begun by this campaign.*

13. What happens if an unforeseen event takes place during the three year campaign period: will campaign funds be diverted to meet that new need? *Only God knows the future. We can ponder a vast number of "what if" scenarios. The Vestry and Congregation will discuss and address how best to meet any unforeseen needs that might require a diversion of campaign funds.*