
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE UPC LEGACY CAMPAIGN

1. Why are we conducting this campaign?

The Session initially approved the campaign to conclude the building project debt-free. With Bob Dunham's retirement, and in collaboration with the Transition Team, Session decided to reinforce the campaign and included ways to honor and thank Bob and Marla for their faithfulness and gracious stewardship during the past 26 years.

2. How much money are we trying raise?

We believe the congregation has the capacity to give gifts and pledges totaling \$600,000.

3. How will the money be used?

As prioritized by the Session, the money will be allocated three ways:

- I. Payment of \$550,000 to complete the building project. In 2012 Bob's leadership was instrumental in inspiring us to undertake the building project. Our shared vision was that a larger and improved facility would enhance our ability to achieve our mission: reaching out with compassion and love to all who are in need in our congregation, in our local community, and in the world beyond. The timing of Bob's retirement allows us to complete payment on the building project as part of our tangible expression of gratitude for his time and ministry among us. Leaving the church without debt is Bob's fervent desire and highest priority. He considers a debt-free church a gift to his successor.
- II. Providing for an endowment or other sustaining gift to Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond. Bob is an alumnus of Union, a former member of the school's board of trustees, and former chair of Union's strategic plan development committee.
- III. Giving Bob and Marla a financial gift in appreciation for their quarter century among us.

4. What happens if we don't raise the needed amount?

The Session would determine the best way to make final payment on the project. The church could tap into reserves and/or extend our line of credit.

5. When will the building project be complete?

The Building Committee expects completion of construction by mid-summer. We hope the building will be furnished and ready for use for the resumption of church programs in fall 2017.

6. Why do we still need \$550,000 for the building project?

Prior to the Faith Forward campaign in fall 2012, the building committee developed a \$3.8 million budget for construction of the education wing addition and renovation of the current facility. In January 2013, the committee scaled back the project budget to be in line with actual funds pledged during the campaign. Because the amount pledged was very close to expected costs, the Session decided that the project was important enough to proceed with careful monitoring of the budget. The Session also decided that if the project were to slightly exceed available funds, the church would acquire a line-of-credit and return to the congregation for a smaller follow-up campaign to help eliminate any debt.

Plans called for work to commence in spring of 2013 with renovation and construction of the new building to occur simultaneously. However, there were some unforeseeable obstacles that forced the committee to separate the renovation and new construction into two separate projects, resulting in delays and increased costs for materials and labor. These obstacles included:

- A change in opinion by staff for the Town of Chapel Hill and their requirement that UPC file for a Special Use Permit, a process that can add 8 to 12 months to a project timeline.
- Difficulties in obtaining a small right-of-way from residents of the condominiums at 213 East Franklin Street. The right-of-way was necessary for rerouting Robertson Lane. Eventually the project's design team created a new roadway plan that did not require a right-of-way from the neighbors. Prior to redesign of the rerouted road, the church spent about 9 months negotiating with the neighbors and hired an attorney to help with the process.
- Discovery of underground fuel tanks as we began site preparation, requiring delays for removal and soil remediation.
- Lengthy periods of rain when outdoor work was unable to move forward.
- Incorrect survey information on underground infrastructure forced some redesign and re-routing of underground water, sewer, and storm-water pipes. An appropriate design solution could not be engineered until everything was

uncovered. The engineering firm absorbed a sizable portion of the remediation costs, but it was still a time-consuming and expensive process. This phase also required coordination with the Town of Chapel Hill, OWASA, Duke Energy, and multiple neighboring properties.

Throughout construction the church has sought to minimize disruptions to University Presbyterian Preschool. At times this approach has required crews to work after preschool hours or on days when the preschool is closed.

The construction budget does have some contingency amount built in, so the church may receive some money back depending on circumstances over the final months of construction.

7. How will the new building enhance the church's ministry?

Our current church facilities are unable to accommodate our present congregational needs and the range of activities for which our space is used. These needs and activities will continue to grow over time. The new building will include two first-floor multi-purpose rooms for use as classrooms, meeting spaces and other purposes. There will be a courtyard on the Rosemary Street side of the addition and the building will include a glass atrium to serve as a welcoming entry from Robertson Lane. An elevator will add to the church's accessibility on its eastern side. The second floor will include a dedicated choir room, as well as a robing room and space for robe storage. Each floor will feature men's and women's restrooms.

8. Has any decision been made about naming the new building?

No. The Session may address this at a future meeting.

9. How much will this campaign cost?

By the time all expenses are paid, we expect the Legacy Campaign to cost approximately 4% of the total amount pledged. Thanks to the generosity of several church members we have been able to keep the costs of the campaign low.

10. How long is the Legacy Campaign and how can I make my pledge?

Gifts and pledges will be received in worship on April 9. Pledges may be payable up to two years. You can pay in whatever way is most convenient for you and on whatever schedule works best. You'll be able to give and pledge online through the UPC website.

11. Would it be helpful to make the gift of my pledge early?

Yes, any early gifts or pledges will assist our financial planning and help us minimize construction debt. The church will likely need to begin drawing on its line of credit in May, so early payments will reduce the amount and length of debt service that the church needs to carry.

12. If I don't feel I can pledge cash, may I contribute a gift of other assets?

Of course! In addition to cash, you can also donate stock or other types of assets. Please contact the church if you desire to make such a donation.

13. Will someone call me, visit me, or contact me about the Legacy Campaign?

Yes, you will hear about the campaign from a variety of sources. In particular, you are invited to attend one of the Vision Awareness Gatherings: **March 5** during the Sunday School hour, **March 12** during Second Sunday Lunch, and **March 19** at 12:00 pm. At these gatherings we will discuss the particulars of the campaign and more fully describe the improvements that your money will support. If you are unable to attend a meeting, we will be happy to visit or speak with you separately.

14. What happens if I am unable to fulfill my pledge?

Pledging is an estimate of giving. Sometimes situations prevent someone from making their full pledge, while other events may allow folks to increase their pledge. You can modify your pledge – just let the church know of your adjustment.

15. Are my Legacy Campaign contributions tax deductible?

Yes, all gifts to the campaign are tax deductible.

16. Is this gift in addition to my gift to the stewardship or annual fund?

Yes, this is an additional pledge and does not alter your pledge to the annual stewardship of the church. The pledge you will make during the stewardship campaign is for our operating budget. Your pledge and gifts for the Legacy Campaign will support the purposes described above.

17. How much will members be asked to give on average during the Legacy Campaign?

There truly is no such thing as an average gift. Each person needs to prayerfully examine her or his personal situation and make a pledge consistent with the ability to give. In lieu of cash, individuals sometimes offer gifts of securities or other assets.

18. How do I know my giving will be confidential? Who will see my pledge?

Only the Finance Office of the church will know what you have pledged, the same as with all our confidential giving records.

19. Who are the leaders of the Legacy Campaign?

Prayerfully and with requests for God’s guidance, the campaign co- directors are **Sandy Alexander, Lou and Marc Pons, and Lee and Myrah Scott**. They are being assisted by John Hewett, a campaign consultant hired by the Session, and the following team:

Coordinators	Anne Bryan and Sarah Owen.
Vision Awareness Directors	Jay and Mary Ann Klompmaker, Kari and Matt Marvin, John and Mellicent Blythe
Communications Directors	Jim Baxley, Kirk Owen and Ryan Romkema
Hospitality Directors	Linda Lane and Linda Plunkett
Mailing Directors	Shelley Adams, Barbara and Martin Hedgepeth
Leadership Cultivation Directors	Jim Copeland and Bob Woodruff
Commitment Director	Jim and Laura Baxley, Bryan and Karen Vandersea
Follow-up Directors	James and Pamela Smith, Linda and Matt Arnold

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