

THE VISION: **FOLLOWING JESUS TOGETHER**

Following Jesus together describes our part in what God is doing through Jesus Christ to save us, redeem us and send us out on mission into a hurting world. In the late 1800's, Reverend Hagar started walking 30 kilometers each Sunday from his farmland south of Edmonton into the city to minister in Jesus' name. By 1900, as a result of his ministry, Central was born.

Today, our vision remains the same—to follow Jesus, to serve and invite others into his Kingdom, to truly love God and love our neighbours, and to do this together in community.

Now more than ever there is a great need for people to encounter Jesus and find community. Now more than ever we need to keep on walking, following Jesus together.

THE PROBLEM: **OUR FACILITIES ARE A BARRIER**

Right now our facilities, though they have served us well, are a barrier to us being able to properly welcome, serve, love and minister to our congregation and the wider community. Without essential work, our core ministries are hindered.

- We need a safe and renewed kids ministry space with greater security and transparency (*Connors Hill*)
- We need a gym that we all can use for ministries, sports and other gatherings seven days a week (*Connors Hill*)
- We need an updated basement including washrooms so our kids ministry, weekday ministries and partner preschool can operate in safer and more effective ways (*Sherwood Park*)
- We need to complete the south portion of the leaking roof (*Connors Hill*)
- We need an air system that provides proper heat, ventilation and filtration (*Connors Hill*)
- We need to pay down our debt so we aren't passing it on to the next generation (*Southeast*)

THE PLAN: GREAT SPACES FOR MINISTRY

CH GYM UPDATE

Reconfigure gym access doors to facilitate gym rentals. Replace gym floor with a rubber-type surface (able to expand seamlessly when gym is enlarged as a part of the future North Expansion). Add volleyball, basketball and pickleball nets. Innumerable new opportunities to say "yes" to outreach, youth/kids ministries, sport leagues, rentals, etc.

Update gym lighting and acoustic tiling for multipurpose use. Add windows to the northeast stairwells. The windows would look into the gym to reduce the dark, closed feel and allow people to connect with the activities in the gym as they arrive.

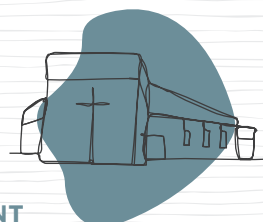
CH KIDS MINISTRY AREA & BASEMENT

Fully update deteriorating classrooms. Open up Large Group Room to accommodate a greater number of kids and improve flow.

Add secure doors to the kids ministry area to close off the back hallway and increase security.

Add interior windows into the kids ministry classroom walls to create more transparency and increase the sense that it is a safe place.

Modernize the fireside room to allow the room to be separated from the corridor. Allows a wider variety of functions in this already highly-utilized, multipurpose room.

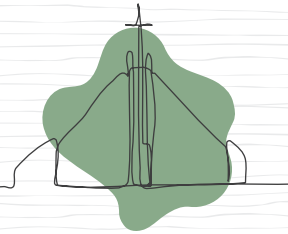


SP FULL BASEMENT

Update all aspects of the basement with needed cosmetic updates, washroom renovations and improved floor plan to increase effectiveness, safety and security for kids ministry and multipurpose ministry use.

SE DEBT REDUCTION

We are committed to continuing to put a portion of all money raised directly towards principal on our Southeast mortgage. So far, we have been able to pay down over \$600,000, and we hope to pay down another significant amount over the next three years.



CH SOUTH ROOF

End of life replacement for the sanctuary and foyer roofs to protect our interior renovations.



WHAT'S COMPLETED

CH Master Plan / CH Rezoning / CH Cladding / CH Parking Lot / CH Gym Roof / SP Main Floor / SP Kitchen / CH Sanctuary

WHAT'S NEXT

CH Kids Ministry Area & Basement / CH Gym Update / SP Basement / CH South Roof / CH Mechanical Systems / SP Elevator / CH Sign & Parking Lot / SP Sign & Parking lot / CH Entrances / CH Final Landscaping / CH North Expansion

THE ACTION: HOW YOU CAN HELP

Our goal is to raise \$1.5 million or more over the next three years to do vital work at Connors Hill and Sherwood Park and to further reduce our Southeast mortgage.

If we raise this amount, we believe we will be able to complete the Connors Hill kids ministry area and gym, the Sherwood Park basement, the remaining roofs at Connors Hill, and a significant portion of debt.

If we raise more, our facility teams have prepared the full roadmap of updates leading up to the eventual North Expansion of Connors Hill.

We feel that God is doing something special right now—not about money but about our level of commitment to God. And we pray that, no matter what we raise, whether it is a big number or a small number, this season would be a sign of our church growing in our faith and our surrender to God.

And so, we are now turning to you. We are asking you to prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift over and above your normal giving to enable our facilities to continue to be used by God to build and enrich and expand his Kingdom. Please consider the largest gift you can so that this work can proceed with urgency—by God’s grace for the sake of the lost.

Because in the end, Building Together is not about facilities. It is about creating great spaces where people can encounter Jesus and find community.

We thank you for prayerfully considering this important request. And we thank you in the name of Jesus Christ for all the ways you pray and serve in our church.

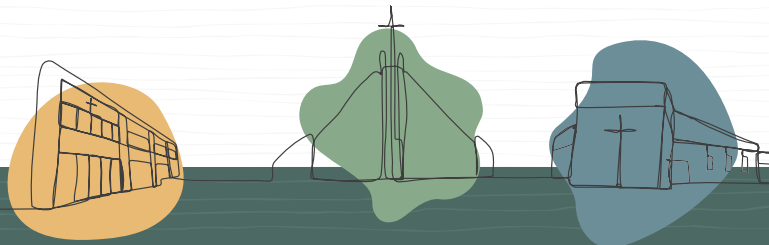
To God be the glory for all He has done for us, and for all He will do as we follow Jesus together.

In Christ,

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