

IMAGINE

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why are we conducting yet another capital fund appeal at this time?

We have had previous appeals to raise funds for purchasing the land, installing infrastructure, and developing a facility design from our ministry charettes. We have a cash balance of approximately \$600,000 from those appeals. IMAGINE will add new money that to be used to begin construction on our master building plan.

Some folks have suggested delaying the appeal until we had a new lead pastor. However, God has been calling us to a new ministry facility for some time now, and his challenge is to move forward without delay as a congregation. God will lead us and we continue to honor and pray for his guidance.

What can we expect in terms of a facility because of this capital appeal?

On August 23, 2010, an open house was held for the members of the congregation. Mosaic architecture presented the ministry building plans that represented a facility which will provide approximately 22,000 square feet. This facility is designed to accommodate a two-phase construction that is contingent upon when we receive the sources of funds identified in Question 8.

The facility will provide space for the following Sunday Ministries: Worship (375 people), Fellowship (240 people), kitchen/bathrooms/storage, small group Bible study rooms, a nursery, nine Sunday School rooms, and a larger room (80 people) for various educational programs. Administrative support rooms, kitchen, and bathrooms/showers complement the ministry space.

Wednesday's ministries will have all of the space noted above for the Sunday

ministries to provide the same worship and fellowship space as well as 17 spaces for small group meetings, and a high-school loft meeting room.

Our community outreach and small group ministries will use all of the space noted above to provide the following ministries: expanded preschool, small groups, shelter rooms for family promise, day care, library, lecture/music presentations, recreation and retreat areas, tutoring and many and various community activities and events.

What will happen to our current facility at Stuart Street?

Select Realty is developing a sales plan and our facility will be offered for sale, soon. The sale proceeds are intended to offset the new facility construction costs. If the Stuart property does not sell before or during the construction period, building the Worship Center for 375 persons and the office wing will be postponed and completed upon the sale of the Stuart property. Accordingly, the worship and administrative ministries will be continued on the Stuart site.

What are the total estimated costs for this project?

The total building cost for the ministries described in Question three are estimated to be \$4.9 million.

What are our financial goals for the IMAGINE campaign?

After considerable discussion among our lay leaders, they decided to set a realistic goal of 1.25 million dollars over a three-year giving period beginning January of 2011. There is hope that we will surprise ourselves and go over this minimum goal since every dollar given now saves ORLC considerably on the interest of borrowed money over the long-term.

How will we make up the difference?

The following represents the projected sources of funds to complete the total project.

1. Current cash	\$ 600,000
2. IMAGINE Campaign	\$1,250,000
3. Sale proceeds from Stuart and Hebrew properties	\$1,250,000
4. In-kind labor from church members.	\$250,000
5. Building loan	\$1,550,000
Total	\$4,900,000

When do we plan to break ground?

We plan to begin construction in March 2011. Mission Builders, an ELCA sponsored construction entity, is being considered as the general contractor.

I have been giving to BTIF and MTIF and now there is IMAGINE. How do all these funding appeals fit together?

Churches that have a big vision must embrace the necessity for increased income. IMAGINE is a newly envisioned effort that prepares ORLC for its expanded mission at the Green Meadow campus as it represents the final intake of financial support for building this phase of our facility there.

If you previously gave through the BTIF or MTIF campaigns, now is the time to creatively think of how you might increase your support to IMAGINE. If you have not contributed earlier to fund our ministry relocation, this is the time to start since whatever we receive through IMAGINE will be used to begin construction. **THE MORE WE RECEIVE, THE MORE MINISTRY SPACE WE CAN BUILD!**



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How does my financial response to "IMAGINE" affect my support to annual mission and ministries?

Your regular giving is separate from your IMAGINE gift and must not be affected. It is important that current levels of annual giving be maintained in order to continue to support the ongoing mission and ministries of ORLC. If you are unable to support both efforts, please continue your support of meadows the ORLC annual Ministry Plan.

How will I be contacted for my IMAGINE response?

In mid October all people of ORLC will receive an IMAGINE Response Packet that will contain a response card along with instructions. On October 24 everyone is asked to bring their IMAGINE response to worship service where it will be received during the IMAGINE Rally. If you cannot attend worship on that day, an ORLC volunteer will contact you for your response.

Because the IMAGINE appeal is taking place when our annual stewardship emphasis takes place, we are combining the two. Therefore your IMAGINE Response Packet will also include a 2011 Faith Promise relating to your gift for annual ministry and mission support.

Are there guidelines to suggest how much I should give?

First, consider all the ways that ORLC supports you and those dear to you in your life journeys. Now, just think of the many ways that ORLC is a positive influence upon the Helena, regional, and global communities. Reflect on being a loved child of God and on the words of Jesus encouraging us to live a life of generosity. Now, plan how to make this a spiritually charged commitment that will change your life as a follower of Christ.

At appropriate intervals, information that is spiritual, educational and practical will be provided through special mailings and in church gatherings. Please read all materials thoroughly and attend the gatherings designed to describe how "IMAGINE" supports and expands the mission of ORLC. They are intended to provide you with accurate and motivational information to make a knowledgeable and inspired decision. You will be supported spiritually by prayer and practically by creative ways to use assets to help fund your gift.

You will know when you have arrived at the right gift because it will take your breath away and place joy in your heart!

What happens if we raise less money than our appeal goal?

The current leadership of ORLC has decided that building on the Green Meadow campus will begin in the spring in 2011. How much can be built will be significantly influenced by your response to the IMAGINE funding appeal. Borrowing money is another source of funds, but one that must be cautiously approached. Therefore, common sense tells us that if we give more than our stated IMAGINE goal, we build more or borrow less; if we give less than our stated goal, we may borrow more or we may build less.

How long will my IMAGINE gift continue?

The official giving period begins January 1, 2011 and continues through December 31, 2013 but up-front giving is encouraged.

May I give stocks, real estate, insurance, or other gifts in kind in addition to cash gifting?

Absolutely! For many people, appreciated assets or non-cash resources are wise ways to fund a gift to their congregation. Our consultant Ann Bailey has expertise in this area and will be teaching a "Creative Giving" seminar on Sunday, October 3 to inspire innovative thinking.

Will there be an opportunity to give specific gifts?

Yes, as the building project gets underway, we will be identifying interior facility needs, furnishings, equipment, etc. that will be needed to make the new space fully functional. As these needs are identified, information will be provided to the congregation so that people of all ages and all economic levels can be participants in the Designated Giving Opportunity.

What if my financial situation changes or I move out of the area before I have completed giving my gift?

We know that circumstances can change. If you find that you wish to increase, decrease, fulfill your commitment early or cancel, please contact the church office for referral to the appropriate person.

