



# Update v.2

## Your Questions Answered

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December 2017

**Q: Why am I receiving this "Building Up, Living It Out" update?**

A: Because you're part of our Trinity church family and we want to keep you informed regarding the progress of our "Building Up, Living It Out" Vision. You can expect to receive one of these updates periodically.

**Q: I'm new to Trinity and wasn't here for the start of the "Building Up, Living It Out" Vision campaign. What is "Building Up, Living It Out"?**

A: As explained in our "Building Up, Living It Out" brochure and video, our Elder-prepared vision and plan for our new Student and Discipleship Ministry buildings will result in the expansion of our ability to "equip God's people for the work of ministry, so that the Body of Christ will be built up" (Ephesians 4:12-13), including making disciples of children, students, adults, and families who will become fully-devoted followers of Christ (Matthew 28:19-20). If you haven't already received a copy of the Vision brochure and video, please contact Nathan in the church office, and we'll get one to you right away. You can also go to our Trinity website and click on the "Building Up, Living It Out" icon where you'll find the Vision brochure and video and other helpful items. (<http://trinitycc.com/welcome/community/building-up-living-it-out/>)

**Q: How much has been given and committed so far to "Building Up, Living It Out"?**

A: On Celebration Sunday, November 26, Elder Rich Wathen announced that the total amount given and committed as of that date (including cash and 36-month pledges) was \$4,195,476.65. **Since that Sunday, God has further increased that amount by nearly \$700,000, resulting in a current total of**

**\$4,889,877.65. Thanks be to God!** More than \$2,500,000 of that total is cash! That amount of cash more than exceeds our Vision "financing guidelines" requirement of having at least one-third of the project total *in cash* before we begin construction. **Again, thanks be to God!** Until construction begins, all gifts are being deposited directly into an interest-bearing building account.

**Q: Is this enough to begin to build?**

A: Yes, we have enough to build one of the two proposed buildings. Given the amount received and committed so far, our hope and goal is to have enough to build the Discipleship Ministries Center, which is the larger of the two buildings. As shared throughout the campaign, this building provides us with the broadest range of uses, including providing much-needed space for our growing Student Ministries. In order to fulfill that goal, however, we will need to explore possible reductions in the estimated \$4.9 million building cost and/or receive additional gifts and commitments from the congregation. We are now closer than ever to that goal and are currently working with the contractor and architect to see how we might further reduce costs for the Discipleship Ministries building. This process of making changes and getting revised costs may take until mid to late January. In the meantime, your Elders are continuing to fast and pray and wait on the Lord for additional gifts and commitments from His people. As stated in our Vision "financing guidelines," we will only build what is given and committed in cash and pledges over a three year period. This will allow us to continue to be debt-free at the end of the 3 years.

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**Q: When do we break ground and begin construction of our new Discipleship Ministries Center?**

A: We will break ground as soon as we determine if we can reduce the cost on the Discipleship Ministries Center building *and/or* receive additional financial gifts and pledges from the congregation.

**Q: What if I haven't yet made a gift or pledge to "Building Up, Living It Out", is it too late to do that?**

A: No, it is not too late! A majority of our Trinity individuals and families have made both prayer and financial gifts/pledges to "Building Up, Living It Out". That includes 100% of our Trinity leadership (Elders, Deacons, Staff) who made their prayer and financial gifts/pledges in mid-November. It is our hope and prayer that every individual and family in our Trinity Church family will let us know that they are praying for the fulfillment of the "Building Up, Living It Out" Vision. We are also hoping that each of you who have not yet made a financial gift or 3-year pledge will prayerfully consider doing so. For that purpose, Vision commitment cards are available on our website and also in the Worship Center chair backs.

**Q: If I've already given a gift or made a pledge to "Building Up, Living It Out", can I add more to my commitment?**

A: First, we praise God for all those who have already given and made commitments! We realize that many of you have given sacrificially, and we are grateful for each and every gift! If you feel led to make an additional gift or pledge, we will joyfully give thanks to God for those as well. If that is your intention, you can let us know of that decision by filling out a second commitment card, or simply write a check designated "Building Up, Living It Out", and indicate that this is an *additional gift*. Vision commitment cards are available on our website and also in the Worship Center chair backs.

**Q: If I made a 36-month commitment, how and when do I start giving?**

A: The 3-year pledge period is for calendar years 2018, 2019, and 2020. However, you are welcome to make early or additional gifts before year-end, i.e. during December 2017. Checks should be made payable to Trinity Community Church and designated "Building Up, Living It Out". Early gifts

and pledge payments will be applied toward your 3-year pledge commitment. Pledge envelopes for "Building Up, Living It Out" will be available on Sunday mornings, beginning Sunday, December 31. They will also be available in the church office during the week, beginning January 2.

**Q: The Vision campaign brochure indicates we can "donate a gift of assets, including real estate, retirement plan contributions, stocks, bonds, etc. There may be significant tax advantages to donating appreciated assets directly to Trinity as opposed to selling those assets and contributing the cash proceeds to Trinity." Can the church provide guidance to me regarding this?**

A: Yes. Please feel free to contact Randy Larson (Building Finance Elder) or Nathan Belknap (Business Administrator) for further information. We suggest contacting your tax accountant or lawyer for professional tax/legal advice. Trinity cannot provide tax or legal advice.

**Q: In addition to my giving, what else can I do to help bring about the fulfillment of our "Building Up, Living It Out" Vision?**

A: Pray for our church's leadership, that they will continue to seek and follow our Lord's leading for His church and our "Building Up, Living It Out" Vision. Pray that children, students, adults, and families will continue to be touched and changed through Trinity's ministry for the honor and glory of Jesus Christ! Furthermore, your Elders are individually praying and observing a time of fasting each Friday and we want to encourage you to join us in this special blessing. Of course, we also anticipate ongoing times of prayer throughout the construction period.



*"Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen."*  
Ephesians 3:20-21