



Your Questions Answered *Update*

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1. Why am I receiving this update?

You're receiving this update because you're part of our Trinity family and we want to keep you informed regarding the progress of our "Building Up, Living It Out" Vision.

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

"Building Up, Living It Out" is our vision for a new and larger Worship Center which will provide much-needed space for the significant growth we are seeing in our Sunday morning worship attendance as well as in our growing midweek ministries. Vision brochures with information and pictures for the proposed new Worship Center are available on the Lobby tables and also at the Welcome Center. You can also visit trinitycc.com/buildingup to find the digital brochure, videos, and other helpful information.

3. How much has been given and committed so far to "Building Up, Living It Out"?

As of January 15, 2024, the total amount given and available for our "Building Up, Living It Out" Vision (including cash and 3-year pledges) is just over \$11.5 million. Approximately \$8.2 million of that total has already been received in cash. Until construction begins, gifts are being deposited into an interest-bearing building account.

4. Is this enough to begin to build?

Yes. Based on initial conversations with several financial institutions, we have enough cash and borrowing capability to begin construction on our new Worship Center. As additional cash is received from pledges being fulfilled early, as well as new gifts from those who have yet to make a pledge or give a gift, the financial outlook is encouraging.

5. When do we hope to begin construction and how long will it take to complete the project?

We recently completed our process with the Fresno County Metropolitan Flood Control District. This enables us to file for a permit for the development of our pad, allowing us to begin importing dirt, grading, and building a storm drain and related infrastructure. We anticipate beginning that piece of the process as early as February 12. In the meantime, we are continuing to prepare the final construction plans which will include proposed adjustments for project cost reduction (see question 7). We anticipate another 3-4 months for this part of the process, with an additional 2-3 months for County approval. Our hope is to begin construction for the new Worship Center by November 2024, with completion of the entire project 12-14 months after that. Please join us in praying that this process will move forward smoothly and quickly, and that we will be able to break ground soon!

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6. At the current rate of our congregation's growth, it seems that by the time construction of the new Worship Center is complete, our church family will have already grown into it. In order to save cost, would it be worthwhile now, rather than later, to go ahead and build out the proposed seating expansion areas for the new Worship Center?

Yes, that will be considered. If the congregation's current growth trend continues, we will likely find ourselves needing enough seating for two full worship celebrations by the time construction for the new Worship Center is scheduled for completion. Building the expansion areas now would save us money in the long-term. However, with our current level of financial gifts and commitments, we do not anticipate having enough funding to build the expansion right now. As additional financial gifts and pledges are received, the Elders and Building Committee will assess the feasibility of adding the expansion during initial construction.

7. Will we need financing for the project?

Yes. Because the full amount has not yet been received or pledged, a loan will be needed to fund completion of the project. Our Building Finance Committee is in the process of assessing our best loan options and will provide a report and recommendation to the Elders for their approval.

8. Are steps being taken to reduce the overall cost of the project?

Yes. Our Building Committee continues to work with our architect and pre-construction manager, Quiring General, to identify ways to lower the project's overall cost, including making cost-reducing design and material-efficiency changes.

9. If I haven't yet made a gift or pledge to "Building Up, Living It Out", can I still do that?

Yes. Many of our Trinity households have already made initial gifts and 3-year financial pledges to "Building Up, Living It Out". It is our hope and prayer that each individual, couple, and family who calls Trinity home will prayerfully consider making a gift or 3-year pledge toward fulfillment of the vision for a new Worship Center. For many, this commitment has been above-and-beyond their regular giving. For more information, Vision brochures and commitment cards are available on the Lobby tables and at the Welcome Center, or at trinitycc.com/buildingup.



10. If I've already made a 3-year commitment, how and when do I start giving?

The "Response" page of the Vision brochure provides helpful information in answer to this question. Special "Building Up, Living It Out" envelopes have been printed and are available upon request from the church office and at the offering boxes located at the rear of the Worship Center and also at the Welcome Center.

11. If I've already given a gift or made a pledge to "Building Up, Living It Out", is there a way for me to increase my commitment?

If you feel led to make an additional gift or pledge, you can contact Nathan Belknap (Business Administrator) or simply write a check designated "Building Up, Living It Out" and indicate that it is an "additional gift".

12. Is there any benefit to the financing process if I give an additional gift or fulfill my pledge early?

Yes. Any pledges fulfilled early or additional gifts given in the coming months will decrease the amount needed to finance the project.

13. The Vision brochure indicates we can donate a gift of assets, including real estate, retirement plan contributions, stocks, bonds, etc. Can the church provide guidance to me regarding this?

Yes. 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 the church. For more information, please contact Nathan Belknap (Business Administrator). We suggest also contacting your tax accountant for professional tax/legal advice. Trinity cannot provide tax or legal advice.

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

You can continue to join our church's leadership in faithfully praying for God's provision and blessing on the project. 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!

