

**With Open Arms Capital Campaign
Information Meetings
FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)**

What about the economy? Is this a good time?

These plans have been in the works for over three years. We will move ahead trusting in God to lead and guide us. We are encouraging everyone to be asking, "How is God's Spirit leading us in this process?"

What if we don't raise enough money? Will we have to go into debt? What say do we have in how the money will be spent?

After the Capital Campaign results are known in the middle of November we will call a congregational meeting to plan the implementation of these projects. We will not move forward with spending money without congregational participation in developing and approving a path forward for implementing the plans.

Do we have to wait until the end of the three year campaign to move forward with the projects? Will we have to go into debt?

No. We will have cash on hand to move forward, with the main campus improvements probably being the first step forward.

The new facility will take more time to design, get construction bids, and sort out the funding of the project. Most churches secure construction loans to move forward with projects. We must have congregational and Presbytery approval to get any kind of loan.

What about all the new buildings the West Valley School District just built? Couldn't we use them instead of building our own?

The Design team did explore the recent expansion of space in West Valley schools, and considered whether utilizing that space could be an alternative to building our own facility. We did find that the school facilities are currently booked up with activities, especially during the times of year when we would expect our facilities to be used the most. This also doesn't address the primary need to have a close proximity to the main church building.

Is this a gym? Will it have basketball hoops? What kind of floor surface will it have?

While there has been talk of building a gym at MCPC for over 25 years, and many may see this as a gym, the design team envisions it not as a gym with use limited to things like basketball, but rather as a large room with multiple uses. The decisions as to whether it will have basketball hoops and what kind of floor surface will be decided by the congregation at future meetings.

How big is the multi-purpose room? I can see the dimensions but it's hard for me to get into perspective.

The current footprint of the multi-purpose room is 40 feet wide by 84 feet long. To put that into perspective the current outside footprint of the Christian Education building is 38 feet wide by 60 feet in length. The Fellowship Hall not including the stage is 44 feet wide by 62 feet long.

Why not renovate the current CE building? It seems like a solid enough structure.

The Design Team believes the current building, if renovated, would still be under-utilized. If renovated it would not address the greatest unmet need with our current facilities, which is a large open space for gathering. The cost for renovation would be over \$500,000 and would require major retrofitting to make it handicap accessible and to connect it to our current facilities.

How much are we expected to give to the campaign? Is each household responsible for a certain part of the expense?

Everyone has different abilities to give. We are calling not for equal giving but equal sacrifice. We are hoping that everyone will participate as they feel led by the Lord.

What about the annual operating campaign?

We will do the capital campaign and the operating campaign at the same time. So on November 2, commitment Sunday, we will ask everyone to turn in a pledge card including their pledge to the capital campaign and the 2009 operating budget.

Do we have to sell the homes across Dale Rd to complete the project?

Any decision to sell any church property would need to be approved by the congregation. We do know that the neighbors would not allow us to build any non residential structures on that property.