



Frequently Asked Questions

WHAT IS SO EXCITING ABOUT INDY VINEYARD THESE DAYS? WHAT IS GOD DOING IN US AND THROUGH US?

Our Youth Ministry is in the best place it's been in some time. The students recently led our Youth Sunday and did an amazing job! A healthy church has a Youth Ministry that is at least 10% of its Sunday morning attendance and we are closer to 20%! Our number one value is the presence of God and we continue to experience that on Sunday mornings. We have seen an increase in sharing prophetic words during our weekly worship gatherings. Our small groups are in a healthy place with the number of groups we have and the number of people in a small group. Each month our Food Pantry serves over 60 families and regularly see God answering prayer and people giving their lives to Jesus for the first time or making recommitments.

WHAT ARE THE PLANS WE ARE CONSIDERING AS OUR NEXT STEP?

The three main areas of focus will be: Children, Community, and Worship. We have acquired new office space and will turn our current space into a larger lobby/community area. We anticipate that groups will want to meet in that space, we can do mid-size gatherings (40-60 people), expand our art gallery area and better protect the pieces on display, and be a "third place" where people can meet during the week or work remotely. We want to update our sanctuary from a design perspective as well as improve the lighting and change the ceiling panels to feel like the ceilings are higher. We also want to create better security and use of our Children's area by redesigning the layout.

WHAT IF WE EXCEED OUR TARGET OR DO NOT REACH IT?

If we exceed our target, that will be amazing! We will prayerfully consider who would most benefit from the extra available funds. If we do not reach our goal, we will prioritize the projects we believe will benefit the most people in the greatest way. Many of our projects have line items so we will remove what we are able accordingly.

HOW WILL WE USE THE BUILDING DURING CONSTRUCTION?

T&W is aware that we will use the building throughout the process and is mindful that we meet on Sunday mornings. We don't know for sure at this time, but it's likely that use of the building during the week might be limited.

WHAT IS THE SEQUENCE OF CONSTRUCTION?

The public portion of our capital campaign will have a pledge Sunday. Once we know the pledge total, we will know what we'll be able to do and then give the green light to T&W. Depending on their availability, they will likely start about three or four months after we give the go ahead. The total construction will be four or five months to complete.

WILL THERE BE AN IMPACT ON WEEKLY ACTIVITIES DURING CONSTRUCTION?

We assume it will impact some of our activities. We will know more as we get closer to the start date and we'll be sure to communicate that to the whole church as far in advance as possible and any who are impacted directly. This will likely mean we ask people to be flexible and meet in a location they normally don't meet in.

WHO IS PROJECT MANAGING?

We have hired the services of T&W Corporation. They are a faith-based business that has specialized in church construction and remodeling for over 20 years.

HOW HAVE WE DEMONSTRATED GOOD STEWARDSHIP?

We send out a monthly financial email that shows where we are relative to our budget, what our spending compared to gifts received looks like, and by utilizing experts in the fields of capital campaigns and building design. Over the past year we have also hired an external cleaning company to do quarterly deep-cleaning in our building. We believe our stewardship is not only financial but also our time and the building itself.

HAVE WE ABANDONED THE IDEA OF FINDING A PERMANENT BUILDING?

We have not abandoned the idea of finding a permanent building but we believe that the Lord is leading us to stay here for the time being. As we'll discuss below, we are pursuing the prospect of purchasing the building, which would make this our permanent building. We had a week of discerning prayer in October and the sense from that week was to stay.

WHY DON'T WE JUST BUY THE BUILDING?

We are exploring this option. If the numbers work out—where rental income from other tenants equals or exceeds monthly expenses—we will pursue purchasing the building. It appears that the income does exceed expenses but we also have to have the cash for a down payment, which is 25% of the sale price. We will need that money to come in and additional in order to make some renovations now. In addition to this making financial sense, this also gives us a higher level of control because we will not have to worry about the owner of the building asking us to move out. If we do not purchase the building, we will look into extending the lease beyond three years.

WHAT'S THE PROJECTED TIMELINE FOR STAYING HERE?

We signed a new 3-year lease with the building owner. Doing the renovations will make us more inclined to stay longer. If we purchase the building, that will put us in our current space indefinitely but that does not mean forever and ever. We are currently focusing on “inhabiting the space.”

HOW MUCH IS NEEDED TO GET STARTED?

We will need 12% of the construction costs plus \$35,000/month to cover general conditions (dumpster, non-reusable materials, etc.).



WHO HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN ARRIVING AT THE CURRENT PLANS?

Adam Kasel has been the main point of contact for T&W, however the staff and elders have been involved in the process as well. Some design ideas were sent to the church that the staff and elders looked over to give feedback on. Adam met with Scott McElroy, Erik Anderson, Nancy Hendrickson, and Lindy McCullough to solicit their input on what best reflects who Indy Vineyard is as a church and has an appealing design.

HOW DID WE DECIDE ON WHAT AND WHEN TO DO THIS?

We decided what to do based on what we think will benefit the most people. We began the campaign process in 2019 and we were planning to buy a permanent space. There are times of the year that are best for doing capital campaigns so we wanted to follow that.

WHAT WOULD IT TAKE TO RAISE THE CEILING?

In short it is economically not feasible; we would not be good stewards of campaign funds. We would only gain 6" in some parts and at most 18" in other parts. In addition, the drywall above the drop ceiling is unfinished with wiring and pipes that would have to be rerouted. We did have engineers look at it to see if it was possible and feasible.

ARE WE GOING TO INCREASE OR DECREASE SPACE?

Will not decrease anywhere. We will increase our lobby area by moving our offices to a new suite and removing the walls in the current office space. We want this to be another gathering space for groups or events and a third place for any who work remotely or want to meet with others during the week.

WHAT'S DRIVING THE NEED?

We are limited on spaces that groups want to use for their meetings so expanding our lobby will help meet that need. We also have not updated our sanctuary since moving in and it's time to do that. Last, but not least, we have an opportunity to better utilize our Children's Ministry area and make it safer for our kids.

HOW DID WE ARRIVE AT THE TARGET?

Gleaning from the experience of those who have done thousands upon thousands of capital campaigns, the reasonable expectation is that we could raise 1.5x our annual budget. Our budget is just over \$650K, so that times 1.5 is just under \$1M. We believe that we can reach our target of \$1.1M.

WHAT WILL WE DO SHORT-TERM VS. LONG-TERM? FINANCING? LOAN?

We will borrow what we need at the time we need it so that we are able to complete the project in a timely manner. We will not borrow above what was pledged.

WILL THERE BE PICTURES OF THE PLANS AND RENOVATIONS?

Yes, renderings will be available! We will be excited to see what the design team comes up with. This also helps make the vision more concrete for most people and see it as a tangible project.



WHAT WILL BE THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE CURRENT LANDLORD?

Once we know what projects we'll be able to do, we will likely ask him to do some things if they're not up to code and should have been.

WHY DOES IT SEEM LIKE A GOOD IDEA TO SPEND MONEY ON A BUILDING WE DON'T OWN?

Over the years we have been unsure of whether we are staying here or to look for our own permanent space. Since we have been in limbo in this decision, we have let some updates go by the wayside. This is an invitation to better steward the resource that is our building.

WHEN WILL I MAKE MY PLEDGE?

We are targeting April 21st & 28th as our Pledge Sundays. There will be a public time leading up to that so you won't miss that date or be surprised by it.

SHOULD I TAKE FROM MY REGULAR GIVING?

We are asking people to give above and beyond their normal giving over the next two years. The normal needs of the church will exist and we don't want to dip into our savings to cover those needs.

WHAT IF I CAN'T SEE MY WAY TO GIVING TOWARD THIS AT THIS TIME?

We know that some people are not able to give above and beyond their normal giving over the next two years. As a church we do not guilt and shame people into doing anything. We will not strong-arm or cajole anyone to give. What we ask is that each family prayerfully consider whether they are able to contribute at this time.

HOW CAN I CONTRIBUTE IN NON-FINANCIAL WAYS?

You can pray! This is a faith journey that is going to be expressed in financial ways and updating our building. At its foundation though, it is an opportunity to seek the Lord and follow his lead. As mentioned above, T&W is leading the remodeling aspect of this adventure so we have to coordinate with them what individuals would be able to do. A part of this process is that we will be removing some items that have been stored in the building and should go to another place.

HOW DO I GIVE OR AT WHAT PACE?

You will be able to give through each of the ways you are currently able to give: cash, check, or electronically. We will create a building fund that you will be able to indicate your gift designation. As long as you give within the two-year window, you are able to give at your own pace.

WHAT IF I CAN'T FULFILL MY PLEDGE?

Unexpected events in life happen to all of us. If that's the case, we understand that and will not try to convince, let alone force, you to give anyway. Your pledge is not a contract, it is a good faith, freewill offering. We do ask that you communicate that to us so we can plan accordingly. We would also love to pray with you and remind you that there is no condemnation for not being able to fulfill it.

