



# Foundations for the Future Campaign

*Mission Here and Mission There  
as we grow disciples who make disciples*

## *Mission HERE*

Our current facility HERE is in need of some important physical upgrades

- Parking lot resurfacing
- Audio visual upgrade
- Face lift for sanctuary
- Improved meeting space
- Future facility projects

### **Why?**

- Culturally relevant worship environment
- Training ground for disciples
- A hub for people to connect
- Center for equipping
- A place where people are excited to bring their family and friends

## *Mission THERE*

Our plans to plant a new congregation THERE in Caledonia are taking shape

- Pastoral financial support
- Building mortgage and maintenance
- Church plant start up expenses
- Seed money for a plant fund

### **Why?**

- 35% of Caledonia residents have no church involvement
- New churches reach unchurched people effectively
- God brought this opportunity to us
- Fifth's history of planting
- New churches mobilize, inspire and motivate maturing Christians

## ***What does “Foundations for the Future” mean?***

“Foundations for the Future” is a collective effort to establish a strong foundation upon which to build in the future. The foundation is the part that is laid into the ground as the base stone or rock on which the other parts are built. Without a firm foundation, the other parts will not last. Our vision – growing disciples who make disciples – is the foundation for the work that we do as a church. It is a fundamental (“foundational”) calling of all Christians. We are laying this foundation and building a culture of mission here and mission there on that foundation.

The campaign is about building – our physical building, building leaders and building a new church (body of believers) in Caledonia.

## ***What is the goal of the campaign?***

The goal of the campaign is people development, specifically for each of us to grow in the image of Christ. It represents a very tangible opportunity for us to cross the bridge from theory to practice and collectively get on board with the vision God has given us of growing disciples who make disciples. By giving generously of our financial resources we model Jesus’ selflessness.

The goal is to raise funds necessary to advance two of our strategic priorities: equipping leaders and planting churches. Both priorities advance Christ’s mission in the world – bringing people to Christ. We expect to raise at least \$450,000 to meet the vision for these priorities.

## ***Why are we improving our current facility?***

The work of growing disciples begins in our facility. We must maintain a facility that speaks to the value we place on discipleship in our lives. It should say to us as well as to those who visit that we take this seriously and collectively make supporting of a first rate facility a priority in our personal financial plans.

A warm, welcoming, up-to-date environment makes an important first impression on guests and reinforces our culture, thus enhancing our mission “here.” It shows that we place a high value on reaching out to all people and providing a first rate environment for them to grow in their faith.

Our facility is also an important equipping center and sending hub for the believers who call Fifth Church home. We desire to have a strong base camp from which to bless the world.

## ***Why is now the right time to plant in Caledonia?***

According to demographic data, two thirds of the residents within a 5 mile radius of the Wayfarer building in Caledonia are either not involved, or just nominally involved in their faith.

The primary reason to take action now is because God has called us to this task by providing the opportunity to us and leading us every step of the way. Fifth Church has a rich history of planting new congregations and has been exploring options to do so again for several years.

## ***Why do we want 100% participation?***

The campaign is not about the money we are raising as much as it is about stewardship and obedience to God’s calling. The dollars are important, and we need them to move forward, however the spiritual development of people is of much greater importance. When we give, we demonstrate our belief that all we have belongs to God and we are only managers. Even if money is extremely tight and a person or family can only contribute one dollar, we invite them to joyfully make that kingdom investment with thanksgiving.

Jesus called his disciples by challenging them to “drop their nets and follow him”. When an individual from the congregation at Fifth gives to the “Foundations for



the Future” campaign, they are dropping their personal net and following Jesus. The amount does not matter, because on a personal level it is setting a pattern and building a foundation for the future.

### *How do we participate?*

On March 18 each of us will be asked to join in making a two year faith commitment to financially support the campaign by returning a pledge card. In the meantime, please pray for growing unity of purpose as we follow God’s leading and he shows each of us how we can be a part of building Foundations for the Future.

### *What is the potential of this campaign?*

**from Lead Pastor Jon Sherrill**

We are moving forward in faith to come together around one strong vision!

For a successful “Foundations for the Future Campaign”, we need to pray, trust God and continue following His promptings. It is exciting to obey God’s call to grow disciples – to put our energy, time and money toward something so “foundational” to our faith and to lean on God instead of our own resourcefulness. This campaign declares that we are a community that fosters the growth of each member and plants new churches regularly. It just does not get more exciting than this!



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