

# Still Got Hope – A Pause and a Proposal

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Together Achieving the Community We Want  
in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

# Opening Prayer – Sunday May 24 – First Letter of Peter

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed.

# Revised Stewardship Campaign Timeline

- January 2020 Shared Understanding of Bethel's Mission
- February 2020 Facilities and Ministries
- The Pause - March – August 2020:
  - Gifts and Talents
  - Facilities and Ministries
  - Money
- Post Labor Day Preview Meetings
- October/November 2020 – Vote

# Why Pause?

- Time to Reassess Our Mission
- Gather input throughout Summer 2020.
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- Align what we actually do with whom we say we are and want to be.
- Give everyone chance to determine ability to contribute.

# Golden Rule Revised

“What if the golden rule were not ‘Do unto others as you would have them do unto you’ but, also, ‘Give more to the world than you take from it’?”

- Jacqueline Novogratz

# Today's Discussion

- Recap of Ministries and Facility current and potential
- The Immediate Communications Request

# Ministries Currently in place

- Green Team
- Good Ground Pantry and other Food Support
- Spiritual Education
- Worship and Liturgy – Sunday and beyond
- Reconciling in Christ, LCM, Stephen Ministries
- Overseas Mission support - Rwanda
- Synod Support

# Ministries – Moving forward

- **Sharing Programs, Facilities and Personnel**
- **Sustaining and Expanding Youth Engagement:**
  - Bethel Advisory Team for CYF ministry.
  - Continued (expanded funding of youth minister)
- **Medical Bill Forgiveness**
- **Reboot Stephen Ministry**
- **Other ideas?**



# Facilities - The What

- Worship space(s) inviting to all and that enhance preaching, prayer, praise and community
- Spaces that nurture members and invite others:
  - Promote education and discussion
  - Facilitate private counseling
  - Facilitate fellowship including while sharing meals
- Facilities to provide care such as an emergency shelter?
- Facilities that provide shelter to travelers and neighbors?

# Facilities – For Consideration

- Update heating and cooling systems - \$100,000
- Address School and west Narthex doors - \$10,000
- Tuck pointing/ water proofing of stonework - \$20,000
- Major systems update for elevator - \$80,000
- Repair (replace?) damage to school roof - ?

# Facilities – Potential Upgrades

- Security system (underway) - \$3,000
- Update electrical system - \$20,000
- Renovate the School restrooms; provide an accessible bathroom on the upper level; provide showers - \$60,000
- Make gym accessible to all - \$10,000
- Emergency preparedness: no working intercom, broadcast, or emergency signal bell horn, etc. No ramp for members with mobility issues if elevator is locked due to fire emergency.

# Facilities – Other Improvements

- Acoustics upgrade.
- Improve lighting on stained glass windows (inside and outside) - \$5,000
- More Readily Available Parking
  - Wash U?
- Make facility more accessible for overnight stays?
- Other ideas?

# Still Got Hope! Next Steps

- Please pledge to support the first phase digital connections investment.
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- Continued active engagement of all Generations, Attendees, non-Attendees and Friends.
- Communication
  - Online
  - Other in person forums
- Summer Meet ups?