



April 3, 2018

Dear Norwalk Christian Church Members:

We are excited to announce the start of a capital campaign to make much-needed improvements to our church building. As many of you know, last year we went through a very thorough Building Planning Team process to study and prioritize the work of the previous Vision Team. At the conclusion of this process, the BP Team recommended a plan to make the entire building accessible to all; enhance the sanctuary and make it more flexible for services, programs, weddings, etc.; enhance current ministries and enable future ones; and provide a larger, more flexible space for large gatherings, meals, etc. This plan consists of three stages:

<i>Stage 1: install elevator and remodel sanctuary &amp; chancel</i>	<i>(\$152K)</i>
<i>Stage 2: new handicap restrooms, stairway &amp; narthex</i>	<i>(\$148K)</i>
<i>Stage 3: expand Fellowship Hall</i>	<i>(\$221K)</i>

At their October 16 meeting, the Board approved the recommendations as a short to medium range Master Plan, and also approved the Stewardship & Finance recommendation to generally limit borrowing and make the improvements as money is raised / pledged. At the November 12 annual meeting, the congregation approved the board's recommendations, directed the Trustees to implement a family handicap restroom and authorized fundraising for the improvements.

The capital campaign is coordinated with Disciples Church Extension and is being directed by the Core Leadership Team:

*Doug Pierce, Overall Campaign co-chair*  
*Don Darnell, Campaign co-chair, head of Key Donor Team*  
*Mark Durham, Campaign Administrator*  
*Tim & Lori Diebel, head of Spiritual and Prayer Team*  
*Rick Elkin, head of Communication and Events Team*  
*Gary Fox, head of Follow-thru Team*  
*Nick Wood, Board chair*  
*Travis & Marti Stanley, Pastors*

The team has started planning the campaign, and has established the campaign theme as "Making Room for All" which incorporates all three project phases and supports our overall commitment that "All Are Welcome." The campaign will formally start with Kickoff Sunday on April 22 and conclude with Celebration Sunday on May 20. After financial consultation with Church Extension, the Leadership Team has established a funding goal of \$325K to cover design and construction of stages 1 and 2, unknown contingencies, and necessary campaign expenses.

We hope you will be as excited as we are as you learn more about how "Making Room for All" can become a reality that enhances our current ministries and enables future growth of our ministries and our congregation. In the coming weeks, we will provide you with much more information on this exciting campaign and how you can be involved and support it.

Doug Pierce & Don Darnell  
*Capital Campaign co-chairs*

Travis & Marti Stanley  
*Pastors*