

Capital Campaign Frequently Asked Questions

Below are answers to Frequently Asked Questions around our campaign projects. If you have additional questions please reach out to one of the pastors. You can always learn more and support these projects at relcmedia.org/lifeabundant.

Why are we having a Capital Campaign?

As with all things related to maintaining a physical property, the time has come when we need to replace our roof. The presence of leaks in the sanctuary, including directly above the altar, has shown us that there is no time like the present. Additionally, there are still two major projects in our master landscaping plan – the pavilion and reflection garden – that we are hoping to complete in the near future. This campaign gives us the opportunity to work on these three goals at the same time.

How is this different from the Annual Fund Stewardship campaign?

Annual Fund support is the gift you make regularly, every year, that sustains the ministry of the congregation. The Annual Fund supports Reformation's operating budget. The Capital Campaign goals are for projects over and above the regular giving.

When will these projects be completed?

Our goal is to have all of the work complete by 2025 – just in time to celebrate Reformation's 75th anniversary! The projects will happen in various stages, based on the receipt of gifts and contractor availability. Of course, the roof work remains a priority as we want to ensure there is no damage to the building due to any delay in completing that work. We will continue to update the congregation on progress as contractors are scheduled and the work is underway.

Can we get solar panels on the roof?

We have done extensive research into solar panels and unfortunately they are not possible for our building. The pitch of the sanctuary roof would require the panels be drilled through, which would compromise the integrity of the roof in the future. The remaining roof area would not provide a large enough space for the number of panels needed for our facility.

How big will the pavilion be? What type of events will be able to be there?

The pavilion will be 28'x48' – large enough for about 75 people to sit comfortably in the space. There will be benches that convert to picnic tables for either rows of seating or table seating. Our congregational life events – such as worship, fellowship gatherings, education programs – will always have access to the space. The Reformation Schools are looking forward to using it for special events such as graduation and space for kids to enjoy the outdoors together. Community groups and private events will also be welcome based on availability of the space.

What type of burial will be possible in the Reflection Garden? Who can be buried there? Families will have the option to spread ashes in a designated flower bed or bury ashes in a biodegradable urn. In the plots where the urns are buried, we will be able to reuse that space after a number of years. We welcome anyone who wishes to have their ashes or their loved ones' ashes placed in our Reflection Garden.

What if I make a commitment and my financial situation changes, or I move before the three year giving period is over?

Your commitment can be increased, decreased, or extended at any time by notifying the Financial Secretary, Suzanne Clain – financialsecretary@relcmedia.org.

What options will I have for giving?

In addition to gifts of cash, giving can be done through gifts of stocks, bonds, mutual funds, property, and other assets. Pledges can be fulfilled over a three-year period. All gifts are tax deductible. If you want to discuss making a gift of appreciated assets, please contact Financial Secretary Suzanne Clain – financialsecretary@relcmedia.org.