

Alexandria First Presbyterian Church



Case Statement for Capital Campaign

Following a year long Visioning Process that engaged the entire congregation the following statement was approved by the Session:

Responding to God's love, we are called to be an active and vital church of Jesus Christ. This vitality is accomplished through our worship, fellowship, ministries and mission. Together as a family of faith we strive for participation from every member so that we can joyfully worship, prayerfully seek and gratefully share as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

Rationale: After much discernment, discussion, prayer, and study it became clear our church enjoys all aspects of our life together. Across the board we had excitement around many different areas of ministries that were shared throughout all of our vision team gatherings. The list of dreams, visions and ideas was long and diverse and it is apparent that we are called to do many things and enjoy many different ways of being together and relating with one another. It also became obvious that there is a longing to have each member of our congregation actively participate in the life of our church. We can only be an active and vital church of Jesus Christ if we are each actively engaged in being disciples together.



To achieve these goals and to remain a vital and active church in our community the following are capital improvements that have been recommended to the session:

- Pave Parking Lot
 - Eliminate constant maintenance of gravel parking lot
 - Increase accessibility of parking
 - Gain additional spaces through careful planning and lining
- Renovate Sanctuary Basement
 - Provide our Youth with a warm and welcoming meeting space that represents our commitment to them
 - Renovate bathrooms so that they can be usable and accessible on a Sunday morning during worship
 - Fix structural/drainage issues with basement
- Facility Updates (new carpets, paint, and sanctuary finishings)
 - Update and refresh our facilities to help demonstrate and encourage the vitality of our congregation

- Renovate Manse
 - Renovate kitchen, heating system, and make cosmetic upgrades that would allow us to rent the manse and create a source of revenue for the church
- Install Interior Elevator
 - Provide increased accessibility to all of our members and visitors
 - Make use of existing elevator shaft to install elevator (reduces costs)

Preliminary estimated cost: \$350,000

What's Next:

- Horizons Stewardship has been hired to conduct a feasibility study to determine our willingness and ability to fund these projects. This study will include a combination of personal interviews and online surveys.
- Horizons Stewardship will present a report including recommendations on whether to go or forward or not as well as a projection of what might be raised.
- The Session, with input from the congregation, will decide whether or not to move forward with a campaign.
- An affirmative vote would lead to a winter/spring 2017 capital campaign.

