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# ABOVE & BEYOND

## Questions & Answers

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“Above & Beyond” is the motto we have chosen to represent all facets of the relocation project to build the Lord’s new church at the corner of Mesa and Fillmore. We are praying to our God in heaven “ABOVE” to expand His ministries through us “BEYOND” our wildest imagination.

It is truly incredible that the Lord has preserved this parcel of land all these years. The zoning of the property and the interests and desires of the surrounding neighbors and citizens have all but guaranteed a church on this property. We are humbled that God has led our congregation to own this property and we are excited to be used by Him in establishing a church and worship center at this location.

### 1) What is the new “Above & Beyond” fund raising campaign?

*The Above and Beyond capital campaign is a new three-year campaign that extends the existing pledge campaign that began January 2019 and was scheduled to end December 2021. The prior campaign is being closed EARLY so that a new three-year pledge program can be established allowing God to provide the resources including new pledges for starting one of the phased construction projects without delay.*

### 2) What happens to the unpaid pledge I have from the original capital campaign that was to end December 31, 2021?

*The prior 3-year campaign is being closed early. The new Above & Beyond campaign is a 3-year campaign that will begin effective March 21<sup>st</sup>. You might consider including your unpaid pledge from the prior campaign into the new campaign.*

### 3) The Lord has been leading the church to begin building the new church facility in a phased approach. What are the advantages of building in phases?

*A phased approach is a common way for churches to construct their facilities. It allows us to move to the property much sooner while at the same time preserving the ability to complete the entire “Desired Facility” in the future with a minimum of rework or extra cost. It is anticipated that once the “Above and Beyond” capital campaign is complete, the Capital Campaign Committee will be able to identify sufficient resources to establish a budget and begin working with our architect to design our new facility and construct it as soon as possible.*

**4) What are the potential phases that would allow us to move to the property?**

<b>Complete Build:</b>	Full Buildout of Desired Facility	\$13,000,000
<b>Preferred Phase 1:</b>	Build NORTH Part of Desired Facility	\$ 6,900,000
<b>Alternative Phase 1:</b>	Build SOUTH Part of Desired Facility	\$ 5,400,000

**5) Describe the Preferred Phase 1 design that builds the north part (worship center) first.**

*The north part of the church is the worship center, lobby area, nursery, rest rooms, and a multi-purpose area which can be used for such purposes as a children's classroom, conferences, or fellowship (it may have some kitchen components). A significant portion of the lower level will be unfinished during the initial phase. This is the preferred first phase because it constructs more of the "Desired Facility" and offers us the greatest room for expansion without beginning construction of the south part (gymnasium).*

**6) How does the size and square footage for the Preferred Phase 1 design compare to the size and square feet (sq. ft.) of our current facility?**

*Our present facilities consist of a main sanctuary/gym building, North Annex, and office of approximately 20,000 sq. ft. The Preferred Phase 1 contains 26,920 sq. ft., 16,160 sq. ft. of which will be finished initially. We anticipate finishing the remaining 10,760 sq. ft. as funds become available using talent and resources available in our congregation. Besides being more efficiently designed, our new facility will offer greater flexibility for ministry. Because of its location adjacent to Holmes Middle School, Coronado High School, and the Health Care Resort, it will facilitate many opportunities to build relationships with these young people and senior citizens.*

**7) Describe the Alternative Phase 1 design that builds the south part (gymnasium) first.**

*The south part of the church entails construction of the gym which would initially be used for worship and other large gatherings on the lower level. Nursery and children's classrooms are provided. The future youth area will be configured as a kitchen to facilitate coffee Sunday mornings, church meals, and youth events. The upper level provides a lobby area and bathrooms. Initially, this is a lower cost alternative to the preferred Phase 1 but has limited space for expansion without beginning construction of the worship center.*

**8) When will we finish the unoccupiable spaces?**

*Once we move to our new facility, completion of the unfinished portions will be done on a pay-as-you go basis as additional funds become available.*

**9) Will we be able to minister effectively in this phased approach?**

*Our church leadership has committed to thrive in the facility the Lord provides. Our ministries will be flexible, our attitude will be "we can do all things through Christ" and our focus will remain on preaching the Gospel and ministering to those in need.*

**10) What are the plans for the church ministry transition if we have sold our current church property prior to the completion of the construction?**

*The Transition team is already meeting with Relocation, Staff and Ministry teams to identify issues that will need to be addressed as we move away from our current facility. Because we do not know when or how our current facility will be sold, it is difficult to know actual details and costs of the transition plan at this time. However, everyone is excited and ready to do whatever is needed to get us up on the hill as fast as possible. We will keep on worshipping together weekly during the building process using all options available to us.*

**11) How has COVID-19 impacted the general giving to the church?**

*God's provision and your generosity has been very gracious during this difficult time of COVID and the pandemic. General church giving for 2020 was up 1.4% over the prior year. We thank Him for His provision.*

**12) Has the pandemic and potential changes to the way people worship changed the need for a new facility at Mesa and Fillmore?**

*We do not believe that the pandemic has diminished the need for us to build and move to the new location. However, we will continue to use online streaming of our services through YouTube and Facebook to those who are unable to worship with us in person. Our vision remains on long-term ministry rather than short-term circumstances. We believe the Lord is leading us to our new location partly due to the physical proximity to the two schools and the senior center. This new location will provide us with a greater presence to facilitate and expand a greater ministry to them. We are also mindful of the admonition in Hebrews 10:25 to continue meeting together. We need each other for fellowship, encouragement, spiritual growth, and mutual accountability.*

**13) Does the church have any groups interested in purchasing our church property?**

*The Lord has been gracious to bring several different groups who have voiced interest in the purchase of our current church property. It is impossible to negotiate the sale of our property in good faith without having the resources to begin construction of one of the phased projects. Church leadership is in the process of considering the best time to list our current property for sale. The congregation will be informed and asked to approve any sales plan before it is implemented.*

**14) What is the plan for getting good value from our property?**

*Any plan to list church property would need to be approved by the congregation prior to listing and sale of any of the properties. Listing for sale the church properties, whether separately or together is also dependent upon the success of the Above & Beyond capital campaign and receiving approval from the City of our development plan.*

- 15) **What is the total of our current resources that we have available to apply towards the relocation project?**

<i>Relocation Resources as of March 1, 2021</i>	
<i>Cash</i>	<i>\$ 2,027,658</i>
<i>Estimated Property Value</i>	<i>2,000,000</i>
<i>Total Resources</i>	<i>\$ 4,027,658</i>

- 16) **What is the current balance of the unpaid pledges from the first capital campaign?**

*As of 1-20-21, the first campaign had \$509,779 of unpledges to be paid by 12-31-21.*

- 17) **How much is needed as part of the Above & Beyond campaign to begin construction of the Preferred Phase 1?**

*\$ 2,872,342*

- 18) **Can the cost of building the new facility change from the estimates provided in this Q&A?**

*While we have worked hard to provide informed and accurate good faith estimates, these numbers are subject to change. The costs used are detailed estimates but have not been bid by the general contractor based on detailed architectural drawings. Also, prices for construction materials are subject to change based on the availability, demand and the impact of inflation on the cost for these materials.*

- 19) **Will debt be used to complete any shortage in resources and shortfalls in the Above & Beyond campaign?**

*It is preferable for the church to pay cash for the project. There may be a need for borrowing to manage the timing of the cash flow for the construction of the approved facility and the fulfillment of pledges and availability of other church resources. Should there be a possibility for a loan of any type, the congregation will be fully informed and will approve any borrowings prior to their use.*

- 20) **I don't think that I will be alive to see the completion of the fully constructed "Desired Facility." How do I get excited about the "Above & Beyond" campaign?**

*We are convinced that God is planting a new church on this property. To ensure that the gospel and word of God is being taught and will be preached for years to come, we must invest today in this project. This is a legacy that can not be forsaken. We believe this is the same vision our church founders had who sacrificed to build our present facility. It is exciting that God has called this congregation to make this investment today that will have such an enduring impact on generations to come in our community.*