

OUR FAITH, OUR HOPE: RE-IMAGINE CHURCH Diocesan goals and priorities

As we continue with the Our Faith, Our Hope: Re-Imagine Church campaign, we'd like to remind you that our remaining parish families will be contacted in the coming weeks, and thank you in advance for listening to the presentations of our volunteers. There is a tremendous amount of information to digest, and I am confident that you will find their assistance in answering your questions very helpful. At this time we'd like to outline another important need that the diocesan aspect of the campaign will address.

Communicating in a Wireless World: Diocesan goal\$4,000,000

Communication technologies will continue to play a critical part in the way we live. Technology is fundamentally changing the nature of our society, and rapidly improving the way we can communicate to each other.

The Anglican community needs to embrace the innovative technologies that will help us better connect with our members and the local community to support God's mission. Online technologies, such as websites and social networking sites, are an excellent way for churches to reach out to seekers, newcomers, and long-time parishioners alike. Also, effective communication with younger Anglicans must include the use of new technologies and trends if we wish to engage them in ministry.

Preparing our Church for the future will require new knowledge, new skills, new approaches, and new attitudes. We must assess on an ongoing basis what is required for effective Diocesan and parish communication.

In order to utilize these new ways and new media to carry the message of God to everyone, ***Our Faith – Our Hope*** will support the following:

- Equipping the Diocese and parishes with video/web conferencing capabilities;
- Improving and expand existing publications;
- Offering Internet podcasts and live streams;
- Training staff on new technology;
- Purchasing advanced software to allow capability for sending targeted email; and,
- Assessing new technological developments.

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OUR FAITH, OUR HOPE: RE-IMAGINE CHURCH Overview and our parish case

As many of you are now aware, the diocese has launched a \$50 million campaign called "Our Faith, Our Hope: Re-Imagine Church." Our church communities are facing new challenges and new opportunities, and this campaign will give us the resources we need to keep parishes strong, to teach our faith, and to reach out to those in need. We all need to work together to strengthen our Church at this time.

Each parish has been set a fundraising goal, to be met in pledges over a five-year period. **Our goal at St Timothy's is \$365,000 over five years.** Of the funds raised, 40% will be returned to us for our own needs; this means that if we meet our goal, we will have \$146,000 for use in the parish. If we surpass our goal, we will receive 75% of all funds raised beyond \$365,000.

We intend to put our parish portion to use in three areas:

- continuing to have a second clergyperson on staff when Maggie's curacy ends in 2013;
- repairing and refurbishing our organ so that it can continue to provide us with excellent music;
- upgrading and renovating our building to help us be more inclusive and hospitable.

The remaining 60% will go to the diocese to meet specific important needs. Much of the money raised for the diocese will be used to create grants for which parishes can apply, so we can also benefit directly from these funds if we are proactive.

This week, the Campaign Team is pleased to announce that our campaign has reached a total of over \$75,000 in pledges. This total represents 20.5% of our overall goal.

Please support this important campaign in whatever way you are able. **Think about whether you can volunteer; listen to the parish volunteers who contact you; prayerfully consider what you yourself can give; and pray that this campaign will strengthen and enrich our work.** We are confident that with God's grace and guidance, and if we all work together, we can succeed!

See other side for this week's highlight from the diocesan case