

THE R3 PROJECT AT GRACE CHURCH

The R3 Project is an invitation to offer additional financial support to continue the work of:

Renewing our spaces - Our Trustees have strategically updated our property and facilities for the past two years. Half of Martha Haas's job, one of our most recent custodial hires, is focused on design and updates. Some of our spaces are 65 years old, the Family Life Center (FLC) is 17 years old, and our parsonage is 61 years old. We are stewarding them well.

Refreshing our fellowship - While some of the renewal has occurred in places seldom seen, we are making a concerted effort to invest in places where people can gather in fellowship with one another. Our FLC received some design upgrades and enhanced online worship and our Fellowship Hall was given a refresher. The summer/fall plan to refresh the sanctuary narthex (gathering space/lobby) and sanctuary flooring will continue to create space for people to gather with one another.

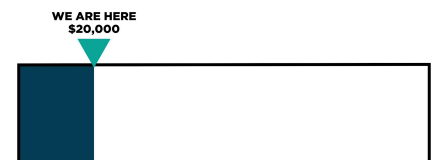
Reaching others - While we know that people don't come just because of a building, we want to create spaces in our facility that, when folk come, speaks to our preparation for them. Our Sanctuary narthex is an untapped resource for our community to gather, especially those who might choose to honor the Lord with their wedding. We are compelled to create space for new folk to come gather in the Lord's presence.

The good news is that you've already provided nearly \$140,000 toward this work! When we raise an additional \$110,000 in this fundraising campaign, we will throw fuel on the next phase fire of the R3 Project. **This next phase will prioritize updating/replacing lighting in the FLC and a long-overdue refresh to our Sanctuary Lobby (called the Narthex), Sanctuary flooring and adjoining conference room.** While much of the work is dependent on busy contractors, we are hopeful the work can be completed by this fall.

An Invitation

Would you take some time to consider making a gift toward the next phase of the R3 Project?

1. Pray. Ask God for wisdom as to if/how you are to give to the R3 Project. We want to raise \$110,000 in "over and above" gifts by the end of 2024. Anything additional will go to the Facility Fund which continues the R3 work beyond this next phase.
2. Consecrate. Fill out [this electronic pledge card](#) or pick one up at the church on or before June 30th. We will have a time in both our worship services that morning to consecrate the gifts and pledges toward this project.
3. Celebrate - We will host a special "Live Grace Notes" on our social media sites on Wednesday, July 3 at 3:00 pm to celebrate the total pledged. We also have a combined worship on Sunday, July 7 at 9:30 am in our Sanctuary. You'll be able to see sketches of some of the R3 Project before and on that day in the Narthex.



GOAL : \$110,000

The good news - as you can see in the graph - is that we have already received \$20,000 toward the \$110,000. That's 18% of the way there.

Exodus 35:21 talks about how all the people of God were invited to contribute to the creation of God's holy space. Our passion is to invite *everyone* to give whatever the Lord's Spirit prompts. The text says, **"Everyone whose heart was moved and whose spirit prompted him came and brought an offering to the LORD for the work ."** Here are some creative ideas to think through and what each kind of gift will yield:

Kids Plan - \$1/week = \$26

Children are a vital part of the church family. If they contributed \$1/week for 26 weeks that would pay for ½ hour of labor to install the new lights in the FLC.

Coffee Grande Latte Plan - \$5/day = \$915

Many buy a latte nearly every day. You might donate the cost of a grande latte at \$5/day for the remaining 183 days of 2024. For each latte donation received, you provide a sq. ft of flooring.

Buckets of Paint - \$225/week = \$5850

A 5-gallon bucket of paint will cost us around \$225. If God leads you to give this every week through 2024, you will provide for 26 buckets of paint!

What has already been done and how was it paid for?

HVAC in Grace Preschool	\$42,000	Facility Fund
HVAC in D Wing	\$67,000	Facility Fund
Windows in C, D, E Wings	\$12,000	General Fund Trustees Budget
Fellowship Hall Refresh	\$500	General Fund Trustees Budget
FLC Cameras/Switcher	\$7,500	Memorial Funds
FLC Blinds	\$11,000	Memorial Funds
Total	\$140,000	

Don't we have debt? Won't these funds affect that payoff?

We owe \$197,000 for the loan we pursued when we changed denominations. You have helped us already pay off \$210,000 in just over 18 months! With your ongoing faithful giving we will pay that off by June 2031 through our general offering. If you would like to contribute to that instead, mark your gift Future Fund. We don't feel that we need to pause the R3 work until it is retired.

If God prompts me to give, what are the ways I can do so?

Please select or mark your gift R3 project. [Our website](#) lists the various ways you can give.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Dan or any of us. We are humbled to journey with you in this.

For God's glory,

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