

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

“A Mind to Work” Capital Campaign Island Community Church

Why are we having this capital campaign?

We firmly believe that God’s desire for the Church, and its ministries is to be debt free. The purpose of this capital campaign is to raise funds to eliminate our current \$1.1 million debt on the Family Life Center (FLC). The interest payments on this loan severely limits our ability to do all that God intended for us. If we are successful in raising more funds, we will use them to make improvements to the church and school facilities.

What is the vision and how much is being raised in this capital campaign?

In 2018 we will celebrate the 50th anniversary of ICC, and we believe that God wants the next decades to be some of the most important as we work shoulder to shoulder to fulfill His purposes through our church. To do this we need to raise a minimum of \$1.1 Million to eliminate our debt and as much as \$900,000 beyond that for much needed capital improvements to buildings and properties. That is the urgency of this 3-year capital campaign.

Why is the campaign called “A Mind to Work”?

It is based on a recent sermon series by Pastor Hammon, who shared the biblical story in the book of Nehemiah concerning the nation of Israel, who rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem in just 52 days because of they shared a common purpose, they had “a mind to work” attitude. Surely one of our greatest examples of our people having a mind to work in recent years is the construction of our \$4.5 Million, 19,000 sq. foot FLC in 2009. Since its completion there has hardly been a day when the FLC has not been in full use.

What commitment are we asking for?

We are basing our campaign on PRAYER. Our highest goal is to have every member of the church pray what the Lord would do through them to fulfill His will at ICC, and to help them determine what is a joyful and meaningful sacrifice for this campaign. It is not based on equal gifts, but equal sacrifice.

How long will my commitment be?

You are asked to make a three-year commitment. It may be paid annually, quarterly, monthly, or whatever schedule is best for you. The more pledged up front, the less we will need for a bridge loan during the 3-year period and the less interest charges will be.

If I can't give a large amount, does my pledge or contribution really matter?

All pledges and contributions matter, because as we all participate according to our ability. Again, pledging is not about equal gifts, but about equal sacrifice.

Does this campaign benefit Island Community Church or Island Christian School?

The campaign eliminates debt for the Family Life Center, a facility used by both the church and school. Island Christian School is a ministry of Island Community Church, so elimination of this debt will benefit both organizations. We hope that any additional funds raised over and above the debt will be used for improvements to both the school and church facilities.

What if we do not raise the entire \$1.1 million, or raise more?

We are off to a great start. While we are trusting God that this campaign will be successful, this is a 3-year program and we must be prepared to negotiate with lenders to bridge us through this period until the debt is eliminated. The more we raise immediately, the less we will need to borrow and incur interest expense over the 3-year period of the campaign. If we raise more than is necessary to pay off the debt, we have already identified over \$900k in projects to repair and improve our facilities.

Some of these identified projects are:

- Additional faculty members that need to be added in the school to meet the needs of all the different students the Lord is sending to us.
- The school and church are using every square inch of the facility and specialty classroom need to be added – i.e. science labs, the arts, and technology labs.
- Every ten years a new bus must be purchased.
- Improved security fencing at both properties
- Auditorium seating and carpet.
- Renovation of out-door athletic facilities.
- Painting and sealing all buildings.
- We are currently limited in our ability to add new missionaries and provide additional support.

Do you have to be a church member to participate in the campaign?

No. Participation in the campaign is a personal decision for each of us, and anyone may contribute to God’s work in our church. We hope that people in the community will share our vision for Christian ministry and education and consider partnering with us in this endeavor.

Where can I get more information about the capital campaign?

Each ICC member should have received a packet of information containing a case statement, 20-day daily devotional, commitment guide and campaign brochure. There were also several letters sent to the congregation from Pastor Hammon that laid out the vision for the campaign.

You can also get additional information on the ICC website or by contacting either of the *campaign co-leaders* who will be happy to answer your questions:

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When will we receive our pledge cards?

Pledge cards were distributed at the Vision Expo Sunday brunch on March 5. You can also get pledge cards by contacting the *campaign co-leaders* or the church office.

Why is it important that I submit a pledge?

One of the main reasons we make a pledge and not simply contribute as we go is so that the church leadership can appropriately plan. With better information on gifts that might be received and the timing of those gifts, we can make better decisions. Granted, the offerings may come in without a pledge, however without a good understanding of the pledged amounts, we might make the wrong decisions in the short-run and limit our ability to invest in our ministries.

When do I need to decide concerning my participation and submit my pledge card?

Pledge cards will be collected at the end of Sunday service over the period March 12-26. You may also contact the church Finance Director, Jill Thomas (912-271-7377) at the church office to make other arrangements.

Will another capital campaign be necessary to accomplish our goal?

This is the third capital campaign associated with the FLC. If we are successful with this campaign, we will not need another capital campaign in the future. We hope to be free of debt so that we can expand our ministries using operational funds and not incur new debt.

Will I be pressured to make a pledge?

No. Participation in the campaign is entirely up to you. We are asking that you pray about this campaign, and ask God what would He have you do that is meaningful and joyful. Everybody has differing abilities to give, and equal sacrifice is a principle that is being applied.

What is a commitment card and what if my circumstances change after I have made a pledge?

A commitment card helps the church to understand what kinds of gifts to expect and when to expect them. By completing this card you allow the church to move forward with a thoughtful and prudent financial plan. The card is a statement of intent, not a contract. If your financial circumstances change, simply contact the church to adjust your commitment – letting the church know about the change (increase, decrease, or timing) in your commitment.

What forms of contributions will be accepted?

Contributions can be made in a variety of ways. Contributions can be cash, check, marketable stocks, bonds, real estate, etc.

When will we know the results of our campaign?

We will announce the results of our capital campaign at the *Announcement Service* on Sunday, April 2. Regular updates are provided during Sunday service.