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Our Campaign Begins

Kickoff: Building Together Campaign 2017

In our service on September 10th, we officially began the Building Together capital campaign that will unfold over the coming months, culminating in early December. This campaign will address the needs of Urban Grace as a congregation and building, allowing us to continue to grow and serve God's people here in Tacoma. Our financial investment in this church will ensure that we can continue to maintain and develop this vibrant church community and be a hub for communities in Tacoma for years to come.

Building Together is the theme for our campaign for a reason. Urban Grace is a congregation of people following Jesus Christ. Urban Grace is also a building that is known widely as a cultural and spiritual center for downtown Tacoma. This space has brought many people together and this campaign gives us an opportunity to do some of our own building, together.

Our campaign is about more than just finances. It is about our mission as God's people to pursue a relevant faith, build connections with others, and empower one another with the love of God.

Throughout this fall, we will focus on growth and commitment as followers of Jesus. You have the opportunity to be involved in many ways—informational meetings, storytelling, a Prayer Vigil, a celebratory banquet, and other activities. Keep an eye out for announcements and invitations to learn how you can participate.

We have the privilege and opportunity to continue to be the life of this church and raise up the city of Tacoma through our ministry. Please join us as we begin **Building Together** as a community.

A graphic for upcoming campaign events. It features two orange circles with white power symbols at the top. Below them is a grid of squares in shades of blue and red. At the bottom, the text "UPCOMING CAMPAIGN EVENTS" is written in orange and red. UPCOMING CAMPAIGN EVENTS	Home Gatherings (informational meetings) October 10 - November 1	Building Together Celebration Banquet Saturday, December 2
	Prayer Vigil Saturday, November 11 - Sunday, November 12	Commitment Worship Sunday, December 3
	Children's Sunday School Activity Day Sunday, November 12	Celebration Worship Service Sunday, January 28
	Advance Commitment Gathering Mid-November	

Called to Serve

At our worship service on September 10th we commissioned a team of church members to serve and lead our campaign. They have committed their time and talent to the positions below.

George Kovats and Willie Stewart - Campaign Co-chairs

Coordinating the efforts of the Campaign Team and keeping the congregation inspired and informed throughout the appeal.

Holly Powers - Advance Commitments Director

Encouraging early inspirational financial commitments to the campaign.

Betsy Erickson - All-Church Banquet Director

Organizing an inspiring Celebration Dinner and Banquet.

Walker Sherman - Audio-Visual Director

Creating a moving visual presentation of Urban Grace.

Tracie Bonjour - Storytelling Director

Working with members of our community who will be sharing their stories during worship.

Bruce Erickson - Commitment Visits Director

Coordinating follow-up visits with those not able to be present at the Commitment Sunday service.

Carla Hammerstad - Continuation and Resource Director

Overseeing the dissemination of all campaign communications and tracking giving relative to pledges during the three-years of our campaign.

Brad Waidelich - Home Gatherings Director

Organizing a series of small-group informational meetings for congregational members.

Emily Wickman - Hospitality Director

Encouraging and receiving reservations for the Campaign Banquet.

Nils Wickman - Planned Giving Director

Assisting members with the consideration of creative asset gifts to the campaign and seeking to strengthen subsequent memorial gifts.

Sarah York - Prayer Vigil Director

Inviting our members to a time of dedicated prayer in a Prayer Vigil.

Zach Dillon and Jake Nelko - Promotion Co-Directors

Producing all campaign printed and electronic materials.

Jen Dean - Director of Operations

Providing support in a variety of ways on behalf of our campaign.

Pastor Ben Robinson

Providing spiritual guidance throughout our campaign.

"The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."

1 Cor. 12: 12, 27



Storytelling Event and Prayer Vigil

As **Building Together** begins we want to celebrate the significance of our building and what it has meant to the community in downtown Tacoma. The narrative of our physical location, our structural building, and the ever-morphing community is a powerful one and there are many here who have a rich story to tell. These stories can inspire and engage one another on a deeper level through our shared experiences. Join us Sunday mornings from mid-October through November when we will hear short personal stories about the significance of our building and how folks have said yes to creating community at Urban Grace.

Additionally, as we prepare our hearts and minds during our campaign, a **Prayer Vigil** is planned for **November 11-12**. All will be invited to Urban Grace to pray throughout the night and into the morning for guidance, focus, and mindfulness throughout the campaign. Please plan to join us for an hour (or several)!

"Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up."
Luke 18:1

Details will be available soon for these events. For more information regarding the storytelling events, contact **Tracie Bonjour** at 253-219-1890 or tracie@bonjours.net. For more information about the prayer vigil, contact **Sarah York** at 831-331-6793 or sbgryork@gmail.com.

Home Gatherings Offer Fellowship and Learning Opportunity

The **Building Together** campaign is a big and exciting opportunity for Urban Grace to revitalize our building and address some of our church's greatest financial needs. Since there's a lot to learn, we will be hosting Home Gatherings to provide information about the plan and purpose of our facilities improvement projects. These gatherings will be hosted in the homes of members of our congregation between October 10th and November 1st. A variety of times and locations will be available.

These meetings will offer time for fellowship and information, as well as questions and answers concerning our campaign and the ways in which each of us is called to support Urban Grace through our various campaign projects.

No financial commitments will be asked for at these gatherings.

Further information, announcements, and sign-ups will be coming soon, so keep an eye out in the coming weeks and join us.

For more information please contact **Brad Waidelich** at 858-774-1162 or bradwaidelich@gmail.com.

"Good works is giving to the poor and the helpless, but divine works is showing them their worth to the One who matters."

*Criss Jami,
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Save the Date!

Building Together Celebration Banquet

Saturday, December 2, 5:45pm

Be sure to save the date to attend a dinner honoring the mission and ministry of Urban Grace. Child care (including fun activities for the kids) will be provided.

As one of the culminating events in our Building Together campaign, a Celebration Banquet is being planned for **December 2nd** at **5:45pm**. At Urban Grace, the only thing we love more than spending time together is doing so over a delicious meal. This celebration will bring us together for an exciting evening of food and fellowship where we will focus on the future of our church. This is a “not to miss” event in the life of Urban Grace. Mark your calendar today and be on the lookout in the coming weeks for more information and a personal invitation.

SEE YOU AT THE CELEBRATION!



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