



# LIVING STONES II

BUILDING A SOUND FUTURE

## HOME GATHERINGS

EVERY person at Saint Mark's is invited and encouraged to attend an upcoming **Home Gathering**, either at a parishioner's home, or on the Saint Mark's campus. These gatherings will be an opportunity to learn more about this campaign, deepen relationships and reflect together on the campaign's goals.

There are currently 25 gatherings scheduled from mid-March to mid-April. Choose one that is most convenient for you, but capacity of each event is limited, so don't wait to register! Each gathering will be



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*A Capital Campaign for Saint Mark's Cathedral, Seattle*

about 90 minutes; there will be light refreshments and ample time for questions. No financial commitments will be asked for or received.

Sign up today—scan the QR code or visit: [saintmarks.org/CapitalCampaignRSVP](https://saintmarks.org/CapitalCampaignRSVP)

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If you prefer an event to which you could bring your children, please contact Canon Wendy Barrie at: [wbarrie@saintmarks.org](mailto:wbarrie@saintmarks.org)

Exact addresses and other follow-up information will be sent as the date of each event approaches. Need help signing up? Contact Deborah Person at [deborah.person@gmail.com](mailto:deborah.person@gmail.com) or telephone Canon Barrie at 206.323.0300 x223.



IT is often said that cathedrals are really never finished; they unfold over centuries with each generation stewarding the sacred in their own right. For Saint Mark's Cathedral in Seattle, this is certainly true. To recount briefly the history of major projects in our first century:

- ◆ 1920s: raising funds and breaking ground on a new cathedral for the Pacific Northwest
- ◆ 1940s: raising funds to reopen the cathedral after the war and to retire the debt
- ◆ 1950s: construction of Cathedral House and Bloedel Hall as parish life center
- ◆ 1960s: installation of the Flentrop organ, a new narthex, and revision of the east façade
- ◆ 1980s & 1990s: a phased campaign to address seismic retrofitting, a new cathedral roof, and revision of the west façade
- ◆ 2010s: the Living Stones project sealing the building envelope, limestone cladding, replacing nave windows, and accessibility enhancements including an elevator and new front terrace

In 2020, drawing on the cathedral's long-held commitment to creation care, the Cathedral

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Vestry adopted a goal for the cathedral campus to achieve net carbon zero emissions by 2030. During these intervening years, we have reduced carbon emissions by more than 30% on the cathedral campus through interventions such as replacing gas hot water heaters with electric tanks, upgrading the boiler control systems for more efficiency, and replacing failed steam traps in the HVAC systems. All good things, but to achieve net carbon zero emissions by 2030 will require replacement of the steam boiler that heats the nave and the hot water boiler system that services Cathedral House and Bloedel. Both systems operate on natural gas, but

engineers have also informed us that they have exceeded their life expectancy, so now is the time to plan for replacing them with new energy-efficient electric systems.

For the past eighteen months, cathedral leadership has engaged in pre-design work to explore optimal solutions and scoping for a capital project that will address the work needed to meet our 2030 carbon reduction goal, and also to address other critical needs of the aging cathedral. The nave floor is crumbling, creating a safety risk, and the narthex and its mid-century bathrooms are in poor repair, unheated, and outdated. The Predesign Committee saw synergies: a new radiant floor heating system with slate overlay, and renovations to the narthex that create a better-lighted, integrated feel in the narthex along with modernized bathrooms. Safety, accessibility, and enhanced worship experience are the guiding principles for these efforts, along with our carbon reduction initiatives.

The Vestry authorized a feasibility study in Fall 2023, which revealed overwhelmingly positive support in the cathedral parish for a capital campaign to make such improvements possible. In

December 2024, informed by the predesign concepts, cost estimations, and the campaign feasibility report, the Vestry approved launching a capital campaign in 2025, with a goal of \$8.5 million. (By comparison, the Living Stones campaign 2013–2017 raised \$10.5 million.) The parish phase will unfold in the first half of 2025, with diocesan phase, broader community and major gifts phases to follow, similar to our process for the Living Stones campaign.

In addition to the carbon reduction initiatives, the scope of the campaign focuses on enhancing the worship experience as noted above, with renovations to the narthex, bathrooms, and a new nave floor; and enhancing music endowments for cathedral music



and Compline Choir. Moreover, Saint Mark's has been offered a generous gift valued at \$1.5 million for a new Renaissance organ, and we plan to integrate this installation into the capital project, which is anticipated to take place in 2028, assuming campaign pledges are typically made for three years, 2025–2027.

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renderings of potential renovated entry and narthex designs by mgarchitects

ards the sacred spaces for those who will come after us. Those who have gone before did so with great faithfulness, and this is our time, to leave the legacy for those who will inherit the place after we are gone. As we come to the end of this cathedral's first century of existence, may we be faithful in laying the groundwork for the next century, and by God's grace, many more to come! ♦

## A CAMPAIGN PRAYER

Gracious God, we remember before you the mission and ministry of Saint Mark's Cathedral. We give thanks for the generations who have come to know you, to love you, and to serve you in this community. We thank you for this cathedral, and we rejoice that it has served as a beacon of hope in the world for nearly 100 years now. We pray that it may serve for generations to come. As we turn our attention to the renewal of our space, help us to be good stewards of our time, our talents and our financial resources, that with the many blessings you have given us we might respond generously to create an environment that widens our welcome to all and helps care for creation. Grant that our capital campaign might flourish accordingly to your will, that as our buildings are renewed, so, too, is our mission to seek and serve Christ in all persons and to join in God's renewal of all creation. Amen.

▼ During all morning services on Sunday, February 9, 2025, the **Living Stones II: Building a Sound Future** capital campaign was consecrated, and members of the Capital Campaign Leadership Team were commissioned in their work. The campaign is led by Dean Steve Thomason (far left) with Campaign Co-chairs Randy Urmston and Eliza Davidson (standing in front of the altar). The photo is from the 11 a.m. service; find the complete Leadership Team roster below.

## CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

MARCH 10–APRIL 12

### HOME GATHERINGS

find the full list and sign up at [saintmarks.org/CapitalCampaignRSVP](https://saintmarks.org/CapitalCampaignRSVP)

TWO WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 19 & 26, 6:45–8:15 P.M.

### GENEROSITY AS RESISTANCE:

LIVING THE CALL TO RADICAL HOSPITALITY IN CHALLENGING TIMES  
a special two-part Cathedral Commons forum in Bloedel Hall

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 1–9 P.M.

### DAY OF PRAYER

an exploration of contemplative prayer practices

SATURDAY, MAY 17

### ADVANCE COMMITMENTS GATHERING

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

### ALL-PARISH BANQUET

a community celebration for all ages

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

### COMMITMENT SUNDAY

pledges received at all morning services

SUNDAY, JUNE 22

### CELEBRATION SUNDAY

campaign totals announced and celebrated



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN LEADERSHIP TEAM: Steve Thomason, *Dean*; Randy Urmston & Eliza Davidson, *Campaign Co-Chairs*; Carol & John Hoerster, *Honorary Co-Chairs*; Marc Rieke, *Consultant*; Greg Hamm, Julia Logan, Emily Griffin, *Home Gathering Leads*; Steve Thomason, Michael Kleinschmidt, Phil Haas, *Advance Commitment Leads*; Gregory Bloch, David Wild, *Audio-Visual & Promotion Leads*; Erik Donner, *Resource Coordinator*; Wendy Claire Barrie, Rebekah Gilmore, *Children & Youth Leads*; James Davidson, Peter Snyder, Greg Simon, *Bible Study Leads*; Rich Weyls, Michael Seewer, *Day of Prayer Leads*; Deborah Person, Marc Aubertin, *Banquet Leads*; Martha Craig, Hannah Hochkeppel, Christopher Breunig, *Hospitality Leads*; Steve Thomason, Erik Donner, *Commitment & Continuation Leads*; Elizabeth Antley, Emily Griffin, *Grant-Writer Leads*; Scott Kovacs, Jason Anderson, *Compline Choir Leads*; Bishop Phil LaBelle, Dean Steve Thomason, *Diocesan Phase Leads*