

LIVING STONES II

BUILDING A SOUND FUTURE



GENEROSITY AS RESISTANCE

Living the Call to Radical Hospitality in Challenging Times

TWO WEDNESDAYS IN LENT, MARCH 19 & 26, 6:45-8:15 P.M., IN BLOEDEL HALL OR ONLINE VIA ZOOM.
OPTIONAL COMMUNITY DINNER AT 6 P.M. (\$6/CHILD; \$8/ADULT; \$25/MAX. FAMILY)

“From anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again” —Luke 6:29b-30

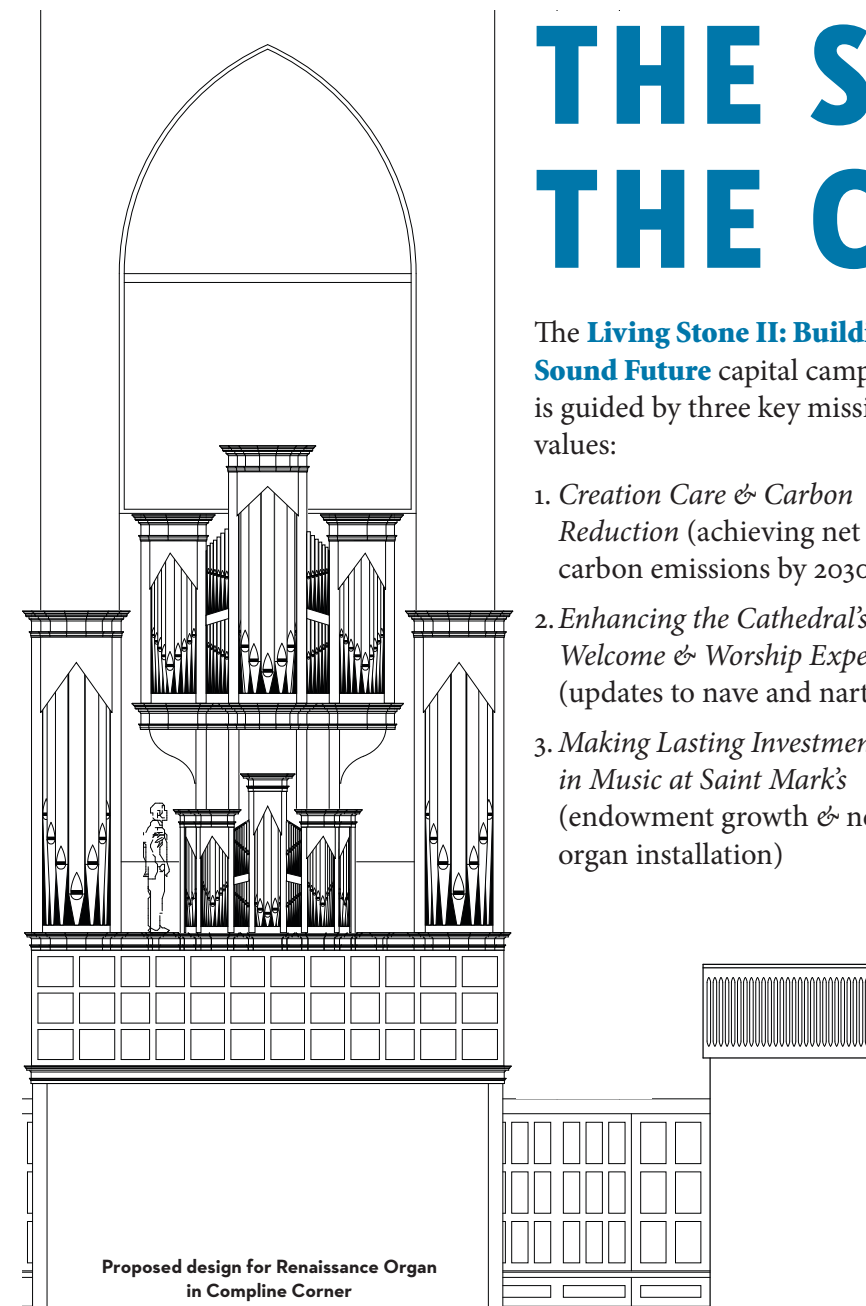


JESUS proclaimed a message of extravagant generosity—a generosity responsive to God’s overwhelming generosity to us as the one who creates, sustains, and redeems us. But today there are voices in our nation and in the Christian Church who seek to restrict generosity to those deemed “worthy.” How are we to live

out Jesus’ call in these times? How do we develop a counterculture of abundance in the face of a culture that operates out of scarcity?

Join the 2-part forum on March 19 & 26 to reflect together on these questions, led by Peter Snyder, James Davidson, and Greg Simon.

SAVE THE DATE!
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
ALL-PARISH
BANQUET
JUNE 6, 2025



THE SCOPE OF THE CAMPAIGN

The **Living Stone II: Building a Sound Future** capital campaign is guided by three key missional values:

1. *Creation Care & Carbon Reduction* (achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2030)
2. *Enhancing the Cathedral’s Welcome & Worship Experience* (updates to nave and narthex)
3. *Making Lasting Investments in Music at Saint Mark’s* (endowment growth & new organ installation)

The construction project that arises from the capital campaign will be guided by these missional values and by realities of **the elements of the cathedral’s infrastructure that require timely attention**, as identified in a pre-design process.

These include:

1. *Nave HVAC system has exceeded its expected lifespan.*
2. *Electrical system of the campus is at capacity and has exceeded its expected lifespan.*
3. *Cathedral House HVAC system is functioning marginally and has exceeded its expected lifespan.*
4. *The narthex and bathrooms are dated and unwelcoming (from the 1960s, no heat, slip hazard, dimly lit).*
5. *The nave floor is crumbling (safety hazard).*

▶ One of the first Home Gatherings was at the home of parishioners Gerard & Nancy van Wesep in Queen Anne. Attendees participated in a lively discussion and watched the campaign video (described below). Photo by Gerard van Wesep.



HOME GATHERINGS UPDATE

THE **Living Stones II Home Gatherings** are now underway. These get-togethers, offered in parishioners' homes as well as on the cathedral campus, are scheduled through April 12, but don't wait to sign up. In addition to conversation and refreshments, attendees will see preliminary designs for the building renovations and watch a new video by parishioner and filmmaker David Wild.



The video features comments by a variety of cathedral staff and community members, including those pictured here. For now it can only be seen at the Home Gatherings, so you'll need to sign up to find out what they have to say!



SIGN UP!

Find a complete list of upcoming Home Gatherings and sign up to attend at:

saintmarks.org/CapitalCampaignRSVP

or scan the QR code:



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

The neighborhood of each gathering is listed. Need help signing up? Contact Deborah Person at deborah.person@gmail.com or telephone Canon Barrie at 206.323.0300 x223.

Joyous Generosity: A Sunday Morning Forum with Consultant Marc Rieke

SUNDAY, MARCH 23,
10:10-10:50 A.M.,
BLOEDEL HALL

HAVE you ever wondered what it means to be a "cheerful giver?" Have you ever thought, "Why is that even important?" Sharing his perspective and experiences of having served 150 churches across denominations in capital campaigns, our *Living Stones II* consultant, Marc Rieke, will use scripture and story to help us explore what impels us in our giving, and the ways in which the dynamic of joyous generosity is vital in our spiritual lives.



CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

MARCH 11-APRIL 12

HOME GATHERINGS

sign up at 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
(see description in this newsletter, back page)

SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 10:10-10:50 A.M., BLOEDEL HALL

JOYOUS GENEROSITY

a Sunday morning forum with Consultant Marc Rieke

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 1-9 P.M., IN THE NAVE & THROUGHOUT
THE CATHEDRAL CAMPUS

DAY OF PRAYER

an exploration of contemplative prayer practices, including the labyrinth, prayer beads, Centering Prayer, Taizé chant, mandala creation, and more. The day will include Evensong sung by members of the Schola (youth choir) and will conclude with a service of Compline chanted by members of the Compline Choir.

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 4-6 P.M., BLOEDEL HALL

ADVANCE COMMITMENTS GATHERING

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

ALL-PARISH BANQUET

a community celebration for all ages! A catered meal in the cathedral nave, with entertainment, presentations, and activities.

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

pledges received at all morning services

SUNDAY, JUNE 22

CELEBRATION SUNDAY

campaign totals announced and celebrated