



LIVING STONES II

BUILDING A SOUND FUTURE



Views of the All-Parish Banquet, June 6, 2025, by Kevin Johnson

“LIKE LIVING STONES, LET YOURSELVES BE BUILT INTO A SPIRITUAL HOUSE...”

AS OF June 20, 2025, **383** pledges have been received totaling **\$7,434,828**, en route to our goal of \$9 million. Thanks to all who have made their commitments to the *Living Stones II—Building a Sound Future* campaign.

There is still opportunity for increasing our total. If you haven't yet had the chance to make a financial commitment, please do so. (See page 3 for more info). Our goal is 100% participation. Every gift matters!

Thanks be to God for the generosity expressed by our parish! This cathedral and this community are blessed in the spirit of giving in this place.

FROM DEAN THOMASON

A Campaign Update... and Next Steps

THE response has been overwhelming; the generosity of support is awe-inspiring! As of Friday, June 20, 383 pledges to the *Living Stones II* capital campaign totaling \$7,434,828 have been received. With gratitude for all those who have made commitments in support of the capital campaign thus far, we shared their names in worship on Sunday, June 22, as we give thanks to God for this cathedral community and all who find it a place of spiritual connection. The campaign is not complete yet—we will reach out to those in the parish from whom we've not yet heard and invite them to join the effort, and we will seek support from those across the Diocese of Olympia and the broader community.



The *Living Stones II* campaign transitions now to a two-pronged effort: 1) a **Continuation Phase** for the cathedral parish to reach out to those who have not yet pledged, asking them to join the effort, and 2) expanding the appeal to **the diocese and broader community**. Saint Mark's serves as a resource to so many across western Washington, and we will

invite them to consider supporting the work at hand, ensuring the cathedral will continue to serve faithfully as a beacon of hope for generations to come. The names of all those who contribute to the campaign will be included on a Donor Wall at the conclusion of the campaign in 2028. Thank you!

If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so today. **It's not too late!** Visit saintmarks.org/capitalcampaign or contact Erik Donner in the church office, if you prefer (206.323.0300 x217 or edonner@saintmarks.org).

Thank you for your presence in this cathedral community and for your faithful generosity in this *Living Stones II* capital campaign.

The Very Rev. Steve Thomason
Dean & Rector

FROM THE CAMPAIGN CO-CHAIRS

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Dear Saint Mark's Family,

A FEW short months ago we wrote you about launching our *Living Stones II: Building a Sound Future* capital campaign. We shared our hope that this campaign would help strengthen our faith community and safeguard both our cathedral facilities and musical strengths for the next generation.

Today we are filled with gratitude for your involvement at every stage of this journey. Many of you stepped up and participated during the campaign in myriad meaningful ways, building an enthusiasm in our community that blossomed into unstoppable momentum. The results speak for themselves. We have quickly achieved a

substantial portion of our financial goal. You have demonstrated your love for Saint Mark's and one another through your generous gifts—close to 400 parish households have made pledges.

THANK YOU for your commitment and investment in the *Living Stones II* campaign. And thank you in advance to those who have yet to commit. Through your participation, prayers and enthusiasm we are demonstrating our dedication to the future of our Cathedral home and to the community we serve.

With gratitude,

Eliza Davidson & Randy Urmston
Campaign Co-Chairs



FROM THE CAMPAIGN CONSULTANT

"Well done, Saint Mark's!"



FROM the beginning, your *Living Stones II: Building a Sound Future* campaign has been designed to help Saint Mark's move forward in completing the vital vision you have to strengthen your church for mission into the future. Your campaign has been a process focused on inspiration and reflection on God's call to you, and the expression of that call in and through the life and work of the Saint Mark's community. Through dialogue, fellowship, prayer, and a series of excellent publications, you have grown together in your love and commitment to your church home.

Your campaign has been about more than just finances. It has been about the spirit that moves through each of you at Saint Mark's and the incredible mission you

serve. It's been about honoring the commitment of everyone who has provided for Saint Mark's over the years and ensuring a bright future for the cathedral for years to come.

Now as you enter that phase of the campaign where gifts will be made to fulfill the pledges offered, I give thanks to God for the dedication and generosity you've demonstrated so far. I pray you "stay the course" and continue in your generosity. It is a privilege and blessing to continue to walk in partnership with you and assist you in continuing your success.

"Thank You!" to everyone who has made a financial commitment or gift to the campaign. And "Thank You!" to Dean Thomason and the cathedral staff; to Eliza Davidson and Randy Urmston, your Campaign Co-Chairs; and to your awesome Campaign Team and their committees for their leadership, hard work, and commitment.

The most important message of your campaign has been that you as a faith community are united in your efforts to better serve one another and your community. Keep up the good work!

Marc Rieke, *Consultant,*
The Enrichment Group



FULFILLING YOUR PLEDGE

YOUR three-year financial commitments to the **Living Stones II** campaign may be paid in weekly, monthly, quarterly, annual, or one-time gift increments. You, as the donor, will decide how best to complete your pledge. The gifting period for the capital campaign is June 2025 through May 2028.

It is anticipated that people made their pledges in good faith and will fulfill them fully. However, if circumstances change, you may revise your commitment at any time by contacting Erik Donner in the cathedral office (206.323.0300 x217 or edonner@saintmarks.org).

Gifts may be made online through the church's website, or by check. **Please be sure to write separate checks for your annual or regular offerings and your capital campaign contributions, and notate on the memo line that the gift is for either "Annual Stewardship" or "Capital Campaign" to distinguish the gifts.**

If you are planning to gift an appreciated asset such as a stock, or make a distribution from an IRA, please contact Erik Donner to make sure that the transfer is accomplished appropriately.

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A TREMENDOUS CELEBRATION!



Almost 400 members of this cathedral community gathered in the nave for the **All-Parish Banquet** on June 6, 2025, for a celebration unlike anything seen in the cathedral nave for many years. The evening featured teriyaki, storytelling, choral music, a rousing hymn, and a festive atmosphere of fellowship and fun!