



August 14, 2020

Dear friends in Christ,

History of the Land

Only 15 years ago, a group of dedicated people formed a new mission church; two years later, they approved the purchase of 44 acres of land. We have a letter to our congregation written by our church council 10 years ago asking that we prayerfully consider a financial contribution towards the construction of our new church building. How far we have come in the past 15 years – to God be the Glory!

Since that time, 28 acres of the original parcel of land have been held in trust by the National Church which enabled the congregation to pay for the remaining acres and subsequently build our church facility. Concurrently, our Glory family has grown and changed. There has, at times, been uncertainty as to where God may be leading us but never any doubt that with prayer, hope, and faith, we would find His way.

Glory's contract with the National Church included an agreement to either subdivide the land and sell the 28 acres or purchase the 28 acres within 10 years. May 2020 was the expiration date for the contract with the National Church. Because an Area Structure Plan is not yet in place for this part of Strathcona County, buying the land was our sole option. Fortunately for our congregation, the acquisition price is substantially lower at this point in time, and our congregation overwhelmingly supported the offer to purchase the parcel from the National Church.

Glory made the offer in August of 2019 to purchase this additional 28 acres of property (as was required by the contract) for \$300,000. Our offer to purchase the land was approved by the National Church council in mid-March and our congregation has until December 2020 to pay for the land and finalize the transaction.

Surely this is an indicator for our path forward and this is wonderful news.

Fundraising Campaign

As we begin our fundraising campaign, we begin a new chapter of ministry to our local and worldwide community!

We have included the following items in this package for you to read as you prayerfully consider your financial contribution to this campaign.

- Message from our pastor, Markus Wilhelm
- A copy of the Vision Presentation (slide deck/PowerPoint presentation) with the details of the project
- A Donation Form with directions on how to make your donation
- A prepaid return envelope

All information can additionally be found on our website (<http://www.glorylutheran.ca/land-purchase.html>) in video format or PDF viewable/printable documents. The website will be launched on August 21, 2020.

The council would like to present the details of the transaction and of the vision(s) for the land via an online video found on our website. This will be followed by an interactive webinar (via Zoom). We recognize that not everyone is available at the same time, so we will hold a webinar covering the same material on the following dates and times:

Sunday, August 30 @ 11:30 a.m. (post-service)
Tuesday, Sept 8th @ 10:00 a.m.
Thursday, Sept 10th @ 7:00 p.m.
Monday, Sept 14th @ 2:00 p.m.
Saturday, Sept 19th @ 10:00 a.m.

The interactive webinar will last for about 25 minutes and will include a summary of the information and a Q&A session with an opportunity for discussion. There are two ways to sign up for one of these sessions: 1) Online through the church website (<http://www.glorylutheran.ca/land-purchase.html>) or 2) Someone will call you over the next couple of weeks to arrange a session for you. We want to ensure everyone has access to these details and to share the excitement of the future for our church.

Please prayerfully consider your financial contribution to this campaign, then complete and sign the attached/enclosed donation form entitled Land Purchase. This form lists several options for submitting your donation. Your contribution will be kept strictly confidential, known only to the Financial Secretary and the Church Treasurer. Tax receipts will be provided for the full amount of your contribution.

As a reminder, contributions to the Church qualify for a significant Tax Credit. This means that for donations above the \$200 threshold, you will receive 50% of that money back on your taxes (credited against income tax payable).* Further details about donation tax credits are found in the Vision Presentation.

Stepping Out in Faith to Serve

This may seem like an odd time to embark on such a venture in an unsettled world. The next few years will be both exciting and challenging. Pastor Markus' remarks and reflections in his letter discuss a biblical scenario that parallels our current situation. We are a congregation with enormous heart and exceptional vision. Just look back at how far we've come in 10 short years. During the tumultuous and uncertain time of our formation, our vision and focus never wavered and we have collectively stepped up to the plate at every instance.

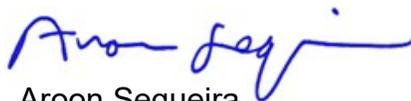
Our Mission - **Reaching Up ... Reaching Out ... Reaching In . . .** - is to share the love, truth and power of Christ with friends, strangers and the wider community. Our building has helped us grow our congregation and this additional land purchase will similarly serve to expand our ministry. Please give generously of your prayers and in your gifts.

Should you have any questions about either the campaign, the details of the land transaction, or the vision(s) for its use, please contact any council member at your convenience. Contact information can be found on the last page of the Vision Presentation.

Sincerely yours,



Pat Becker
Council Chair



Aroon Sequeira
Council Vice Chair

* If you have questions about the donation tax credit, please contact a tax professional or Stewardship Committee Chair, Aroon Sequeira, at 780-901-9469 or asequeira@sequeirapartners.com.