



HEART FOR THE CITY



“Immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine”

Ephesians 3:20

OUR VISION

We are a community following Jesus with a heart for the city and beyond.

First Baptist Church, like congregations seeking to follow Jesus in any city, exists to seek the welfare of that city. We embrace the Word of the living God to His people in cities and wherever they live. His Word tells us to "Seek the peace of the city...for in its peace, is your peace" (Jeremiah 29:7). As we follow Jesus, we seek to bring the justice, healing, compassion, relational wholeness, creativity, joy and hope to the city and community we love.

OUR CITY

We have been strategically placed at the edge of the West End along the Burrard Corridor, adjacent to a vibrant residential community and in close proximity to the Central Business District. The West End has over 43,000 residents, 23,000 jobs, and millions of annual visitors. It has the largest percentage of young adults in the city, with 48% of the neighbourhood between 20 - 39. In addition, the West End is the "landing pad" for new immigrants - receiving 14% of all new Vancouverites between 2001 - 2006.

OUR OPPORTUNITY

The proposed development will be one of the most significant faith-based developments in British Columbia. It will provide approximately 45,000 square feet of additional purpose-built space, double the current area, as well as a new affordable rental building of approximately 50,000 square feet. The restored, seismically upgraded historic church building with accessibility improvements, the additional purpose-built ministry and community spaces, and the new affordable rental building are gifts. Gifts to be used to demonstrate the heart of Jesus Christ and bless the city in new and fresh ways.



Affordable Housing

A new 7-storey rental building with 41 units of affordable housing. Additionally, FBC will have 20 units to rent at market rates, or use for the needs of the church.

Expanded Ministry

Additional 45,000 sq ft of new space to equip our congregation to serve our neighbours. This expansion will include a childcare facility, counselling centre, and purpose built rooms.

Welcoming Space

A multi-story glass atrium that will allow a 'window' directly into the life of the church. This will create expanded space to host community-building events and to create an inviting atmosphere for the neighbourhood.

OUR INVITATION

We invite you to consider a gift in supporting this remarkable opportunity to bless our city as followers of Jesus Christ. The HFTC Capital Campaign is seeking to raise \$2.5 million in support of the furniture and equipment that will be needed to outfit our newly restored and added spaces. This campaign is an opportunity for us to demonstrate our faith through our financial commitment. It is an opportunity to reaffirm our mission to follow Jesus with a heart for the city.

OUR CHALLENGE

We encourage each donor to consider the possibility of a multi-year gift. We are each able to contribute significantly more over time. For example, if you contribute \$1000 per year, over 5 years that's \$5000! Each donor will be at a different place and we will gratefully receive support of types including, a monthly gift, an annual gift, or a planned gift. We encourage you to contact the church office if you would like to discuss about a personal contribution of any kind.

For **132 years**, we have experienced the deep, deep faithfulness of God. As we take these steps of faith, we will witness more and more of His faithfulness—immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine.

FOR THE CITY

We are compelled to live out the Good News of Jesus Christ in new ways to serve and renew our city.

7-story building with 61 units. 41 units is exclusively dedicated to **affordable housing** (below the Housing Income Limits set by BC Housing). The building will exceed the City's minimum requirement of 25% family units.

Full-time, 37-space **childcare facility** for infants and toddlers.

Expanded kitchen and purpose built spaces for our Shelter program to better serve our city's **most vulnerable**.

Counselling centre, partnerships, and programs to support mental health and wellness .

Inviting **public spaces** that encourages people to gather and interact. Innovative landscape design to intentionally combat social isolation.

Multi-purpose spaces for **ESL** classes, **parenting** workshops, **family support** events, **children and preteens** camps, and daytime drop-in programs for **older adults, retirees, and seniors**.

Fully restored, seismically upgraded **sanctuary** with life safety upgrades and accessibility improvements. In addition, a fully rehabilitated, **two-story hall** to host various community-building events.

Expanding the city's Creative Energy system in the West End which will help **reduce greenhouse gas emissions**, significantly **improve local air quality**, and contribute to lower energy costs and **long-term sustainability**.

Upgraded Sanctuary

Fully restored, seismically upgraded sanctuary with life safety and accessibility improvements. The interior of the sanctuary will be rehabilitated and restored to its 1911 beauty.

Restored Hall

Pinder Hall will be fully restored to its original purpose and serve as a two-story chapel with space for 200 congregants. A worshipful space for intimate church gatherings as well as various community-building events.





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LEAVING A LEGACY OF FAITH

I wonder how many of you realise, as you enter this spacious and beautiful Church building, with its walls of granite, its seats of oak, its magnificent organ, its up-to-date appointments, how great the legacy that has been left you, through the struggles and aspirations of those faithful members who have gone before? Truly, it can be said of them, "Blessed are the dead which die in the lord-- they rest from their labours and their works do follow them."

- These Sixty Years 1887-1947

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