



Forward
IN
FAITH
Growing. Serving. Reaching.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CASE STATEMENT

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OUR IDENTITY

WHAT IS OUR FOUNDATION?

We are a joyful community of people who are being transformed by the beauty and power of the Gospel as disciples of Jesus Christ where we live, work, and play.

OUR MISSION

WHY ARE WE HERE?

Christ Community's three-fold purpose is to:

1. *Exalt* God's Glory
2. *Equip* God's People
3. *Extend* God's Kingdom

OUR FAITH GOALS

WHAT DO WE HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH?

As we seek to carry out Christ's mission in Carmel, the greater North Indy area, and beyond, we are trusting our great God to stretch and grow us in four key areas over the next ten years:

A Culture of Care: We desire to grow as a thriving gospel community of safety, trust, truth, love, and compassion that enables us to forge a network of life-giving relationships.

The Center for Biblical and Theological Studies (CBTS): We desire to create a Center for Biblical and Theological Studies to help us answer the great need in the church for both spiritual formation and leadership development.

Church Planting: We desire to be a congregation that makes healthy, multiplying disciples who plant healthy, multiplying churches rooted deeply in the Gospel and reaching wide into our neighborhoods and the nations with the love and truth of Jesus.

Reach Our Neighbors to Reach the Nations: We desire to increase our Kingdom impact in our community by expanding our successful Play Area ministry to families with young children to reach more and more families—especially international families and those with middle and high school children.

OUR CORE BELIEFS

WHAT ARE OUR FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES?

As a member congregation of the [Presbyterian Church in America \(PCA\)](#), Christ Community Church is a reformed and evangelical church, affirming the five solas of the Reformation: *Sola Scriptura, Solus Christus, Sola Fide, Sola Gratia, and Soli Deo Gloria.*

We ascribe to the truths outlined in the [Westminster Confession of Faith](#) in today's context.

A BRIEF HISTORY

WHERE HAVE WE COME IN 34 YEARS?

In 1990, the PCA decided to plant a new flagship church in the north suburban Indianapolis area. Led by Pastor Tim Kirk, first services were held at Clay Middle School in that November, with approximately 120 in attendance. In its first four years, God blessed this new body with growing numbers and faithful first leaders, and the church was particularized in March of 1993.

In the Spring of 1995, as the need for a church home had become more and more clear, Christ Community Church (CCC) conducted a building campaign to purchase the current facility located at 131st and Gray Road in Carmel, and the church moved into its new home that Fall. While at the time the new facility was much larger than the congregation of roughly 200 required, the Lord swiftly and steadily filled its space with people and ministry over the next two to three decades. Internal ministries began to thrive, outreach to the community abounded, and the church was able to open its doors to all kinds of partner ministries such as neighborhood programs, inner-city work, men's and women's outreach, kids programs, and more.

In 2013–2014, the CCC Diaconate led two major upgrades to the church building which included the addition of a modern kitchen to support major church functions, and a sanctuary renovation. Shortly thereafter, in 2016, there was a major renovation of the main church entryway to add a patio and meeting area.

Since its founding, God has blessed CCC with godly and faithful lay leaders and staff. In January of 2016, Pastor Kirk announced his decision to leave CCC after 26 years of service. Pastor Jim Talarico was called to serve as interim pastor, which he did effectively until September of 2017, when after diligent and prayerful work by a pastoral search committee, Pastor Josiah Jones was called as the new Senior Pastor. Since his arrival, Pastor Jones has faithfully preached the Gospel, championed numerous outreach efforts, and overseen countless improvements to the church's life and work.

As CCC looks back at 34 years of the Lord's provision and blessing, its leaders also look forward to what God has in store for the next 34 years of ministry and service.

KINGDOM IMPACT

WHAT HAS GOD DONE THROUGH CCC?

Growing God's Family

What started with just over 100 gathering in a middle school has grown to a body of over 300 worshipping together on Sundays. In response, we have sought to grow both our staff and ministries to better meet the needs of our community. In the last two years alone, 74 members were added, 11 babies were born, 3 new staff members were hired, 2 new ministries were added, and 14 officers (elders and deacons) were installed.

Faithful Worship and Preaching

Worship remains the foremost “key” ministry of CCC. We have shifted to two Sunday morning services (traditional and blended) with the latter worship service live-streamed from our website. As it was at the church’s founding, expositional preaching of the Word and reverent corporate worship are at the core of each service.

Vibrant Ministries

Christ Community invests intentionally in the spiritual lives of its children, teenagers, and adults. In the last year:

- Over 85 volunteers helped to teach and serve more than 80 children throughout the year on Sunday mornings.
- Most of the students (6th grade through 12th) of CCC attended youth group, fellowship events, or a retreat throughout the year.
- Around 75 men participated in Bible studies and discipleship groups, and 35 men were able to join our presbytery-wide Men’s Retreat as well.
- About 90 women were involved in a Bible study, and the Women’s Ministry also organized 80 meals to be delivered to families and individuals in need.

Church Planting and Missions

CCC has been a “mother” church to three daughter churches in the metropolitan area, including Crossroads Community Church (Fishers area) in 2001, New City Church (east metro Indianapolis) in 2007, and Midtown Church (Butler University area) in 2015. Two of the three senior pastors of these churches initially served as assistant pastors at CCC.

Beyond planting, missions have been a significant focus for CCC. Approximately 1/7th of all general operating funding has gone toward this ministry, both locally and globally. Additionally, CCC has focused financial and oversight support of college-age ministries in the Central Indiana area through Campus Outreach as well as to the PCA denomination’s Reformed University Ministries. Also, CCC has facilitated short-term mission trips for youth and adults to Monterrey, Mexico; St. Louis, MO; Michigan, West Virginia, and Costa Rica.

CHALLENGES TO GROWTH

WHAT ARE THE HINDRANCES IN OUR FUTURE?

As CCC moves forward, our immediate and most urgent need is to expand our capacity to equip God's people through Christian Education. We have shifted our main Christian Education time from Wednesday evenings to a dedicated traditional Sunday school hour, in order to enable us to equip the maximum number of people of all ages. Yet, our current space significantly restricts our present capacity—and severely limits our future growth.

Space Stretched Thin

Our facilities are reaching a breaking point, as both our adults and our children are quickly outgrowing the rooms that we have available for them. Currently, we serve 87 children from infancy to the fifth grade, with new infants joining at an increasing pace (praise God!). In our current Kids Wing space, we have five classrooms, one of which is the size of two classrooms, as an interior wall has been removed to create a single, larger space.

We desperately need to create more nursery age groupings in order to provide care for the needs of our babies and toddlers, and developmentally, it would be ideal to split our elementary age groupings further. However, our space simply limits the amount of classes we can hold. In addition, as an increasing number of our youth move toward middle and high school ages, we must have the facilities to accommodate these families.

Logistics Struggles

Because of the limit on space, we are experiencing the struggle of having to utilize and set up almost every room in Christ Community for multiple groups each week. Engage Groups, Equip classes, staff meetings, and Bible studies all share the same spaces. On Sundays with the addition of Equip classes, some rooms are rearranged three times before the day ends! This places a strain on volunteers and teachers, and requires a constant stream of manpower to set up and takedown these areas for various uses. Having more space both alleviates this pressure and provides valuable consistency for everyone involved.

Safety Concerns

Put simply, we are not able to have a fully secure Kids Wing, which means that there is no way to truly prevent non-authorized persons from entering the nurseries and kids classrooms. While there is a volunteer present each Sunday morning whose role is to observe the space and keep an eye out for potential concerns, we would struggle to secure the areas where children are meeting if an emergency should arise. Additionally, all large bathrooms are currently shared spaces between adults and children, and it would be ideal to restrict any bathrooms that children utilize for their use alone.

And yet, even as we consider these challenges, we know that CCC must continue to play to her greatest strengths as we grow: the areas of **hospitality and fellowship**. Each of the projects introduced in the following section are planned with this objective in mind.

Our Response

HOW DO WE PLAN TO ADDRESS THIS CHALLENGE?

In order to address these tangible challenges, the leadership of CCC has proposed and the congregation has voted to approve a dedicated facilities initiative to expand our ability to serve our church community well, and enhance our reach to our community, for the sake of the Kingdom. The project will include three main components:

1. Welcome & Gathering Area

Expand and enhance the Welcome & Gathering Area (WGA) for the church entrance, including new women's and men's restrooms. This will serve to greatly improve our ability to be a welcoming church to all, and especially to visitors and to our community. Depending on the final scope of the project costs and fundraising progress, this may also include covered canopy at church entrance.

2. New Youth Room

Relocate, expand, and upgrade our current Youth Room, moving it adjacent to the new WGA. The new and improved space—over double the size of the current room—will be vital for accommodating our growing youth programs.

3. Classroom Expansion and Office Relocation

Add adult classroom space and a dedicated, multipurpose conference room. Staff offices will be relocated, and current offices will be converted into additional and renovated classroom space for a new secure Kids Wing. New and substantive storage space will also be added, which will provide a significant boost to logistical efficiency.

Overall, this project will create much-needed space for Christian Education for children and adults alike, as well as ample room for hospitality and congregational fellowship.

Project Cost & Timing

With the Lord's provision, we believe that we can begin construction on this important work in the summer of 2026, and minimize the impact of church life as the work continues.

The estimated cost range of this project is between \$3.75 and \$4.2 million.



A PROACTIVE INITIATIVE

HOW ARE WE GOING TO ACCOMPLISH THIS?

In order to accomplish this initiative, CCC leadership proposes to conduct a proactive fundraising campaign, themed *Forward in Faith*, to invite the church community to invest in this Kingdom work.

Considering the project cost range, the preliminary goal is to:

1. Secure as minimum of \$2.5 million in 2–3 year pledged commitments; and
2. Seek to finance up to \$1.5 million in order to break ground in the summer of 2026.

Join Us

HOW MIGHT THE LORD USE YOU?

Paul teaches us much about partnership. From his letter to the Philippians:

“I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.”

Paul understood that there was no support without partnership. He understood that any support was not a *donation* to a cause, but rather an *investment* in a mission, with the anticipation of a Kingdom return on that investment.

With this biblical concept of partnership in mind, we ask you to join us in this exciting church initiative in the following ways:

1. **Pray** for the life and work of Christ Community Church. Pray for our leaders, members, and those in our community, that they would engage with us and turn to Christ for hope and salvation.
2. Consider a **sacrificial investment** in the *Forward in Faith* campaign to help us achieve this goal, for the sake of the Gospel in our community and world.
3. As opportunities arise, help us **advocate** to others the importance of this mission and the capital campaign.

We deeply appreciate your prayerful consideration of how the Lord might be leading you to partner with us in this exciting step forward. To God alone belongs all glory!