

ST. ELIZABETH'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Church Extension 2014 Fundraising Campaign

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Introduction

St. Elizabeth's Church was established in 1992. After the church building was destroyed by fire in December 1999, the Lord miraculously gave us the present piece of prime land, on which St. Elizabeth's Phase 1 rebuilding was completed in 2003. Through the Grace of our Lord, our ministry is growing slowly but steadily. After ten years, the demand for space has outgrown what is available. After prayerful discussion and planning, and with the strong support of the Diocese, we decided to embark on our church extension project, with a two million dollar budget, to add on an additional 8000 square feet of our space.

Extension Project Progress

The fundraising campaign was kick-started by Bishop Poole on Sept. 29, 2013. Once more we have been witnessing the dedication of members of St. Elizabeth's, who continue to contribute their utmost to the extension project. We are receiving strong support from our brothers and sisters in Christ, both locally and abroad. Above all, the Diocese of Toronto has generously approved a 1 million dollar grant in support of our extension. By the time we held our Vestry on March 2, 2014, our first target of pledges of \$585,000, (that is 75% of the amount St. E needs to raise) had been reached. The Vestry resolved unanimously to move ahead with the extension.

In the ensuing months, we liaised with the Diocese and our architect, in the preparation of various plans and drawings. In early June, 2014, we submitted our application for site plan approval to the City of Mississauga. While waiting for the green light from the City of Mississauga, we will be preparing different contracts for presentation to the Diocese for final approval.

We hope to have the sod turned in the fall of 2014 and we hope to have the new extension fully functional by the fall of 2015.

Churchwardens:

Wilson Loo

Billy Ng

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Fenella Chiu



March 1, 2014 St. E Karaoke Fundraiser



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Greetings from St. E's Priest In Charge

It is the season of Pentecost and what a joyous one for us. The great celebration – the Resurrection of our Lord has been renewed in us. Just 50 days later we celebrated Pentecost, where the gift of the Holy Spirit was given as God's presence is in our lives always. Through the season of Pentecost we learn how to live as disciples of Jesus. We are reminded of what Jesus taught, how he healed and how people gathered around him to be touched by the power of God.

We have faith that nothing is impossible for God. No matter how difficult things get, we cling to the empty cross and see the power of God to create hope from loss, joy from grief, and life from death. Living as disciples challenges us to open our eyes to the mysteries and wonders around us. From the buds bursting on the trees to the surprising moments of kindness that catch us unawares, in all things we see the power and beauty of God's eternal presence with us.

St. Elizabeth's parish will be learning to live as disciples as we prepare for our new building extension. With hard work and mess ahead, we will keep our eyes focused on the empty cross. In the chaos of construction, contracts and finances, something beautiful will be born. The life and energy around this congregation will be renewed and reborn and from your hard work and offerings, new life offered to God will come. The Holy Spirit will fill us with strength.

I look forward to celebrating our common faith and heritage, to rejoicing in the resurrection and shouting alleluias with you as we walk with the Lord day by day.



The Rev. Canon Jennifer E. Reid

Fundraising Progress

We are glad to report that as of May 18, 2014, we have received a total pledge of \$620,428.

The following table shows a brief update of the funding and outstanding amounts.

Building Budget

Funding

Diocese of Toronto: MAF	\$1,000,000
Diocese of Toronto: Baker Fund	\$50,000
St. E. building reserve	\$150,000

Funding achieved

Total amount St. E needs to raise

Amount pledged as of May 18, 2014

Outstanding amount to be raised

\$1,980,000

\$1,200,000

\$780,000

\$620,428

\$159,572



March 1, 2014 St. E Karaoke Night Desserts

Greetings from St. E's Senior Lay Pastoral Associate

Thanks be to God.

After many years of prayers and waiting, and many months of fundraising, St. Elizabeth's parishioners have responded to our Lord's blessings and callings with faith in action. At our Vestry in March, 2014, we resolved unanimously to begin our church extension project, so that we can extend our ministry to more people in our community, to enable more to hear the Gospel, to come to worship Him and to share our fellowship in Him.

Apart from the extension of physical space, the extension of our ministry depends on the further development in other areas as well. I wish to share our emphasis on the following six areas.

1. Faith Formation

We will provide different programs for our friends and parishioners in different stages of spiritual development. For example, the "Meeting with Jesus" program is designed for seekers. "Eight Lessons in Spiritual Journey" specially caters for those who want to know more to grow spiritually. Those who would like to study the Bible in more depth will find our "Bible Study and Prayer Meeting" rewarding.

2. Fellowship Groups

Fellowship groups will be developed as our platform for pastoral care. The Fellowship Group Team will coordinate and provide training, sharing and support to the leaders of our fellowship groups, enhancing their skills in pastoral care.

3. Caring

The emphasis of our caring team are twofold: to enable our new friends to feel welcome, and to help our "old" friends experience continual care. The task of caring will not be limited to the caring team; through teachings and sharings, we will facilitate all parishioners to participate, and thus build a loving and welcoming church together.

A Message to Our Donors

We would like to thank all our brother and sisters in Christ for your prayers and strong support. We would like to thank the Diocese of Toronto for her generous support and guidance in the extension project.

We would like to remind our donors that we are now ready to receive the donations which you have pledged. For those who have chosen to donate by auto pay, we will start the direct debit from June, 2014 according to your instructions.

4. Social

The social team will organize social events and activities on different occasions and festivities, so as to promote church-wide fellowship and team building. For example, we held a Father's Day barbecue, and during the summer, we will have our "Family Fun Day", which will be open to the community.

5. Worship

The liturgical worship is a tradition of the Anglican church. We will provide opportunities for parishioners to understand and to experience the worship and the meaning and significance of the liturgy.

6. Mission and Outreach

St. Elizabeth's Church emphasizes "bringing the Gospel into the community, and bringing the community into the Church". We will provide programs to meet the needs of the community. For example, in the summer, we will be holding a series of workshops on marriage and family to promote more harmonious marital and family relationships.

We would like to invite you to come to St. Elizabeth's church and experience our vibrant community for yourself. We would also like to invite you to support us through your prayers. May God bless you.

Pastor Bill Mok



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For those who have chosen to pay by cheque, we would like to ask you to send in your post-dated cheques in accordance with the schedule which you have pledged. Please make cheques payable to "St. Elizabeth's Anglican Church (Building Fund)". Please send cheques to "St. Elizabeth's Anglican Church, 1051, Eglinton Ave. West, Mississauga, ON L5V 2W3, Canada".

For any questions, please call Pastor Bill Mok at (905) 812-2938



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Pledge Form: Church Extension 2014 Fundraising Campaign

After much thoughtful prayers, I (we) would like to make the following pledge towards St. Elizabeth's Church Extension Project (2014), which aims to raise \$780,000. We understand that the amount donated may be collected over a 5-6 years period commencing in June, 2014.

Name(s) of Donor: _____

Telephone : _____ Email address: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Province/State: _____ Country: _____ Postal Code: _____

Method of Donation:

Open Cash Donation \$ _____

Donation Items (Please choose and specify quantity to donate from below)

- Note: 1. In appreciation of the donations made for rooms and places listed in Section A, a small plaque of 4" x 6" will be placed in the respective locations pledged. The wording on the plaque is to be approved by St. Elizabeth's Church. Please note that the room or place will NOT be named after any donor. If there is more than one donor pledging for the same room, it will be honoured on a first come first serve basis; or, if the donors agree, St. Elizabeth's may accept more than one donation for the same room.
2. In appreciation of cash donations and items pledged in Section B, a plaque containing the names of all the donors will be placed at an appropriate place in the church.
3. Thank you for your great support to St. Elizabeth's Church extension project. Please write cheques payable to "St. Elizabeth's Anglican Church (Building Fund)". Kindly send in your donation to "St. Elizabeth's Anglican Church, 1051 Eglinton Ave. West, Mississauga, ON L5V 2W3 Canada". Thank you.

(A) Rooms / Places pledged

	Donation Amount	Pledge Amount
Worship Hall	\$300,000	= \$ _____
Foyer	\$200,000	= \$ _____
Chapel	\$100,000	= \$ _____
Kitchen	\$50,000	= \$ _____
Backyard Garden	\$40,000	= \$ _____
Sunday School Rooms (#1 #2 #3 #4)	\$30,000 per room	= \$ _____
Nursery room	\$30,000	= \$ _____
Patio	\$20,000	= \$ _____

(B) Items pledged

	Donation Amount	# of Units	Pledge Amount
Trees	\$1,000 per tree	x _____	= \$ _____
Bricks	\$500 per brick	x _____	= \$ _____
Chairs	\$200 per chair	x _____	= \$ _____

Total amount pledged \$ _____

Method of Payment:

Lump sum :

\$ _____

By instalments:

every month: \$ _____ per month for _____ months

every quarter: \$ _____ per quarter for _____ quarters

every year : \$ _____ per year for _____ years

I (We) pray that God will gladly accept my (our) pledge.

Signature _____ Date _____

"This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God." 2 Cor 9:12