

missionpossible



What is our NEED?

Spiritual opportunities, structural challenges

What is our PLAN?

Carefully sequenced financing and renovation

What is EXPECTED of me?

The contribution only you can make to Foundry's future

Dear Church Family,

For nearly 200 years, Foundry members have lovingly nurtured our church home, preserving an iconic and hallowed presence in the heart of the nation's capital.

Today, it is our responsibility to continue that tradition, to upgrade and enhance our sacred spaces to worship, educate, welcome, serve, and witness to the world.

As stewards of our worship home, Foundry Church, we are entrusted with an abiding responsibility to use our talents, gifts, and energies in commitment to God and our congregation – and to make possible the mission that we have received in our call: to deepen our faith, strengthen our community, and transform the world.

In fulfilling our mission, we honor our past. From our original downtown church to our current building, Foundry has been a steadfast beacon of service and mission. Every day at noon, the bells in Foundry's tower peal the hour, announcing again our vital presence in the larger community and symbolizing our faith.

In honoring our legacy, we also build the future. New fellowship spaces will welcome both friends and strangers. These spaces will be flexible enough to accommodate and strengthen our ever-evolving mission to serve those in greatest need. And they will inspire opportunities for ever more innovative forms of worship and study. Providing modern communications, upgraded facilities, and a safer environment will magnify our impact in ways seen and unseen, boldly enriching Foundry's contribution to Christ's work in the world.

In parable after parable, Jesus counseled followers in the value of stewardship. Stewardship at Foundry shows itself most powerfully when we build the resources for the next generation to fulfill our church's mission. About once every generation, a church community needs to revitalize its physical capacity. Because the last major renovation at Foundry was in the middle of the 20th century, it's again time for us to assure our capacity into the years ahead.

The many holy spaces within our church undergird our ability to provide meaningful worship, inspiring music, instruction for our children and youth in Christian living, and joyful celebration of families, partnerships, and life transitions. Foundry is a haven of holiness, but our legacy will continue only if we attend to the basic structural needs of our church home – just as we would in our own homes.

May we all be good stewards of our work, and may God continue to bless each of you.

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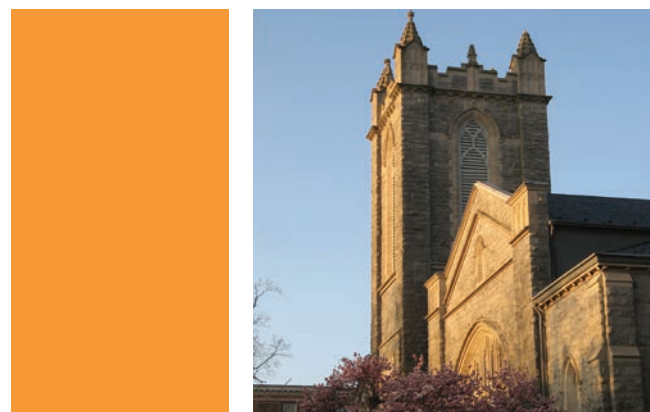
is the natural next step in the spiritual soul-searching that Foundry's congregation began a decade ago, asking the questions:

- **who are we?**
- **who is our neighbor?**
- **what is God calling Foundry to do and to be?**

One answer to those questions is **FOUNDRY'S STATEMENT OF CALL:**

- We at Foundry are called by God to
- deepen faith through transcendent worship and challenging study,
 - create engaged community through inclusion and caring, and
 - transform the world through active service and prophetic leadership.

Now it is time for us to invest in our church home to enable ourselves and Foundry's future generations to carry out that call, to draw others to Christ, to worship, to learn, to care for each other – and to go forth to transform the world. That is Mission Possible.



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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS ABOUT
FOUNDRY'S CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

question one

WHY DOES FOUNDRY'S CHURCH HOME NEED UPDATING NOW?

Since its first modest building at 14th and G Streets NW 200 years ago, every generation has invested to improve Foundry's physical capacity, but it has been almost a half-century since Foundry members significantly improved our physical plant. It is now our time to meet this challenge.

Since 2004, congregational teams have assessed what needs to be done to enable our building to serve the full range of Foundry's missions and functions. With the help of architects and construction experts, we have developed a comprehensive master plan to restore and renovate our historic structure in a carefully staged sequence that is most cost-effective and least disruptive. A wide range of renovations is required to improve our building's infrastructure, safety, accessibility, and energy efficiency. After studying the recommendations of our structural engineers and architects, it became clear that the work should commence as soon as possible.

Now it is our time to step forward and address the needs of our church home in order to ensure that Foundry stands strong into its third century, an iconic presence in our nation's capital, a vital testimony to the power and love of Christ.

question two

WHAT CHANGES WILL BE MADE IN FOUNDRY'S BUILDING?

Phase I of Foundry's renovation will focus on the central fellowship wing of Foundry's building, situated between the sanctuary and the educational building. The church will gain spacious and inviting worship and meeting rooms, as well as a welcoming new reception area. Foundry will become a more coherent structure with stained glass windows back-lit at night to send their glow toward the city, and a new reception area and fellowship hall immediately adjacent to and on the same level as the sanctuary, making it easier for congregants to mingle after the service rather than to depart immediately.

Posters in Fellowship Hall and around the building provide detailed explanations of the improvements to each space – larger, modern accessible bathrooms, a spacious new elevator, a beautiful central reception area and fellowship hall, the larger and brighter space upstairs for the Sunday evening service. In addition, the work will create a modern and efficient kitchen area, and a better-situated choir practice room. And behind the scenes we'll be safer and more comfortable as Foundry's plumbing, electrical, mechanical, heating, cooling, audio-visual, and telecommunications systems for the fellowship wing are modernized. (Future phases will include modern infrastructure for the sanctuary and educational building.)

question three

WHAT WILL THIS PROJECT COST?

In total, all three phases of Foundry's Master Plan (which includes changes to other parts of our building) will cost around \$20 million.



Phase I involves the most extensive structural changes, and will cost roughly \$10 million plus the cost of financing a bank loan.

question four

WHAT IS OUR FINANCIAL PLAN?

Foundry will raise a substantial part of the cost of Phase I in this capital campaign. The amount we raise in that effort will serve as collateral for a construction loan and the source of funds for the repayment of a long-term loan through a commercial bank, which we hope to obtain while interest rates are at historic lows.

The completion of the Master Plan will occur over the next decade and will require additional capital campaigns to fund the additional renovations and to retire the debt. Following this capital campaign, Foundry will begin a planned giving program that could provide substantial additional financial resources in the years to come.

While most of our contributions will come from current members of the Foundry community, we are actively seeking donations from former parishioners as well as philanthropic organizations.

question five

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE IN MISSION POSSIBLE?

Every member of the Foundry community is an essential participant in this process. You can plan your participation by taking advantage of:

- Information sources describing Mission Possible in the Focus, in the Forge, on posters in Fellowship Hall, and on Foundry's website at www.foundryumc.org/mission-possible.
- a variety of opportunities to learn first-hand about the building's needs and our plans through Sunday tours of the building, small group meetings, and congregational gatherings,
- a vital spiritual season of focused prayer, individual reflection, and inspirational messages, leading up to our Commitment Sunday on Sunday, November 18.

question six

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF ME?

We are Foundry. Each of us has a unique contribution to make to its future, a part of Mission Possible that only we can provide. Only we can determine what our contribution will be – over and above the amount we return to God through our ongoing pledges to Foundry each year. This is a time to ask what God would do through us – through God's grace and our faith.

Foundry asks each of us to pray daily, "Lord, what would you have me do?" This is not simply a decision about money. This is a faith statement that reflects our sense of calling, a way we will share our faith with future generations.

question seven

WHAT SHOULD A CAPITAL CAMPAIGN GIFT BE?

For Phase I Foundry needs a commitment of funds that can be paid over the next three years. This is sacrificial giving. We are asked to sacrifice present resources in order to ensure Foundry's future. We cannot all give equally, but we can all sacrifice equally. Foundry is asking each person to give prayerful consideration to a significant contribution from both current income and assets for this once-in-a-generation gift.

question eight

WHAT IF THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN RAISES LESS THAN WE NEED?

Our financial plan anticipates that Phase I will be funded by the proceeds of this capital campaign and a bank loan. The more successful the capital campaign is the smaller the loan necessary to complete Phase I. The size of the loan will be determined late in 2012 when the capital campaign is completed.

question nine

WHEN WILL CONSTRUCTION BEGIN AND WHEN WILL IT BE COMPLETED?

This is Phase I of a renovation plan that will be carried out in three phases and completed in 2022. Construction on Phase I will begin in the fall of 2013 and be completed by Foundry's 200th anniversary in 2014. Extensive construction activity of this kind will result in some disruptions, but every effort will be made to minimize impacts on Sunday worship and related activities.

question ten

WHAT HAPPENS ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18?

At this Sunday's special worship services we will each have the opportunity to respond to this challenge by indicating our financial commitment and turning in our commitment card, indicating what we will give in the next three years to honor Foundry's past and build its future.

You can find more questions and answers on Foundry's website at www.foundryumc.org. This is an evolving set of questions from members of the congregation and tour participants that deal in more detail with many of the aspects of Mission Possible. And you can ask your own questions there by emailing foundryumc@foundryumc.org – and they will be answered.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER 14 - 28, 2012

Informational Gatherings

At these gatherings, you will have the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about Mission Possible and its relationship to Foundry's call and Bicentennial Celebration in 2014-2015. Watch for your invitation, providing dates, times and places for the opportunities you will have to choose from to learn more.

OCTOBER 28 - NOVEMBER 18

A Season of Inspiration

During these 22 days, we will individually and as a congregation prepare to meet the challenge of Mission Possible. We will begin at services on Sunday, October 28, and continue each day until Consecration Sunday, November 18.

OCTOBER 28

"Plenty Good Room" *John 14:1-13*

There is plenty of good room in God's house. Our congregation, including our building, should be a reflection and expression of God's kingdom – hospitable, inclusive, community-building, and liberating. Our intention is to make our space more like God's house, where there is plenty of good room.

NOVEMBER 4

All Saints Day – "Our Turn" *Hebrews 12:1-3*

Each generation has contributed to the Foundry of today. As we honor their sacrifices, we consider the church we will leave to future generations. It is our turn. We will become part of Foundry's great cloud of witnesses. Future generations may or may not remember our name, but they will remember our sacrifice.

NOVEMBER 11

"Jesus, the Builder" *Matthew 16:13-19*

Jesus came to teach a way of life and to build a church. That church is present today in the real world of institutions, places built of brick and mortar to serve people in this life. Through our efforts Jesus is building hospitals, nursing homes, schools and churches to make life better for the children of God on this earth.

NOVEMBER 18

Consecration Sunday – "Hidden Treasures" *Matthew 6:21*

At all three Sunday services, we will each be invited to confirm our response to Mission Possible, doing our part to make the Foundry experience a foretaste of the love, light and acceptance found in the Kingdom of Heaven. All of us are invited to think about the treasures we have and what from our treasures we will share. Following the mid-day service, there will be a special fellowship time to celebrate our commitment to Foundry's future. Look for future announcements regarding this special event.

DECEMBER 2

Celebrate the results of Consecration Sunday

FALL 2013

Renovations Begin

As we restore and enhance our church home, we prepare to celebrate Foundry's bicentennial and to build a future in which Foundry continues a steadfast witness to the power of God's love in the world.