

PAY IT **FORWARD** >>>

DEBT RETIREMENT CAMPAIGN



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Dear Friends,

Something wonderful is coming! With your help, we are looking forward to paying off our debt! Our 'Pay It Forward' campaign, however, isn't only about becoming debt-free as a church. **This is an opportunity for us to come together in unity, and with generous hearts, be a blessing to others through our campaign's Generosity Goals.**



In Acts 20:35, we are given these words of Jesus, "It is more blessed to give than to receive". Jesus teaches us that there is something wonderful and powerful that happens in our souls when we give. There is greater joy, greater happiness, and greater fulfillment to be found in God when we give rather than when we receive.

Giving is in the very fabric of who God is. God gives to us and blesses us constantly. Indeed, the greatest gift God gave to us was the gift of his precious Son, Jesus; who in the greatest act of generosity of all of time, sacrificed His own life for ours. In doing so, He gave us the infinitely precious gift of eternal life with our Heavenly Father (1 John 4:9-10).

Nothing we could offer God will ever compare to what Jesus has given us through His death on the cross for all humankind. We can scarcely comprehend such a gift. And yet, we are so grateful. That is why the life of a follower of Jesus is steeped in generosity. We give, because God gave first. We are generous, because God is generous.

Will you join us in the next steps of our journey towards financial freedom for Arlington Woods? So much has been already done in the rebuilding of our church, despite the obstacles along the way. But even now, we know the church is more than simply the building itself. It is about God's Kingdom-building here in this community. We are the hands and feet of Jesus here on earth. The quicker we are able to retire the outstanding debt, the more we will be free to invest in ministry and be generous towards others! The Spirit of God is moving already as we prepare to embark on this next chapter of our church's story.

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**GOD IS ABLE TO BLESS YOU
ABUNDANTLY,
SO THAT IN ALL THINGS
AT ALL TIMES, HAVING ALL
THAT YOU NEED, YOU WILL
ABOUND
IN EVERY GOOD WORK.**

2 CORINTHIANS 9:8 (NIV)

**OUR GOAL:
\$880,000**

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FOR FINANCIAL FREEDOM!

WHY DO WE HAVE DEBT?

The September 2018 tornado caused extensive damage to our church building and grounds, so we began our **NEW HORIZON** building renovation campaign to repair and update our facility.

Our church successfully raised \$1,221,575.76 over a three-year period, but due to Covid-related cost increases to building materials and labour we were left with outstanding expenses of \$780,000.

In May 2022, we secured a loan and mortgage totalling \$800,000 to pay our outstanding expenses and to cover the costs associated with this planned debt retirement campaign.



WHY SHOULD WE PAY OFF THE DEBT NOW?



As of May 2023 we have been paying **\$5,589.46 EACH MONTH** to carry the debt.

That's **\$67,073.52** each year!

If we were to carry this for the full 20-year term, **the interest alone would be \$575,000!**

That's over half a million dollars that we would just be giving away to the bank!

IF WE RETIRE THE DEBT NOW IT FREES US AS A CHURCH TO INVEST MORE IN MINISTRY!



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TO INCREASE OUR GENEROSITY!

We want this campaign to be about something more than our need to pay down the debt on our building.

In 2 Corinthians 8:2-3, Paul wrote that the church in Macedonia had many troubles and were very poor, and yet they were extreme in their generosity, giving to those in need.

In 2 Corinthians 9, Paul encouraged the church in Corinth to be generous and, because of their generosity, God would provide for their needs. Paul said that this kind of extreme generosity was a tangible sign to everyone that they loved God and loved others!

WE HAVE DECIDED THAT, THROUGH THE
COURSE OF THIS CAMPAIGN,

**WE ARE GOING TO GIVE
10% OF OUR GOAL
\$80,000**

TO LOCAL, CANADA-WIDE, AND WORLDWIDE
CHRISTIAN NOT-FOR-PROFIT PROJECTS!

OUR GENEROSITY STRETCH GOALS:



← **FINAL GOAL:**
\$880,000

Let's celebrate the elimination of our debt by giving \$35,000!

← **GOAL 2:**
\$580,000

When we reach this goal we will be giving \$25,000!

← **GOAL 1:**
\$280,000

When we reach our first goal we will be giving \$20,000 to support projects from Capital City Mission and Christian Counselling Ottawa! **Check out the next page for details!**

GENEROSITY GOAL 1:



Capital City Mission

We will be giving \$10,000 to provide kitchen equipment for Capital City Mission! They have received an 80% increase in meal program users since 2020 and most of their appliances are 15-20 years old. List of items include a larger coffeemaker, a dishwasher, and a deli meat slicer to better serve their community.



CHRISTIAN COUNSELLING OTTAWA

We will be giving \$10,000 to help Christian Counselling Ottawa update and re-launch their Youth Skills and Support Program! This will help create both a two-week and an eight-week program to support youth (ages 12-16) who are dealing with trauma, PTSD, sexual violence, anxiety, cyberbullying, and other mental health challenges.



OUR GENEROSITY TEAM:



*Isaac Odoom, Matt Riley, Trevor Nehring,
Bethany Lockhart, Eddie Anyan*

In May 2023 we developed a Generosity Team who is tasked with researching mission opportunities and projects that we will be supporting through this campaign as we hit each generosity goal. We look forward to presenting these goals to the church congregation throughout the course of the campaign.

When we hit each generosity goal, we will not only be celebrating how much of the debt we've payed off, but celebrating how we've been a blessing and tangible help to others!

HOW CAN I PAY IT FORWARD? >>>



PRAY

This is the first and most important step in preparing your heart to respond to God's call to action: Pray *"God, what would You have me give over the course of three years to the PAY IT FORWARD campaign?"*



PREPARE

Prepare to give sacrificially. Remember, these are gifts above and beyond your regular financial giving to the church. Think in terms of what you can give up in order to pay off our debt and bless others through our generosity stretch goals.



PARTICIPATE

Make a three-year giving pledge! Fill out a pledge card included in your campaign packet and make a commitment to give a certain amount over the next three years.

HOW CAN I GIVE?

All donations to this campaign are tax receiptable.



CASH OR CHEQUE

Place your donation in an offering envelope, earmark it "Pay It Forward" and place it in an offering box at the church.



ONLINE GIVING

Visit arlingtonwoods.ca/payitforward to give securely online or set up a recurring donation.



OTHER WAYS TO GIVE

Donations of stocks, bonds, securities, real estate, or other assets can be an effective way to give. You can also donate a gift in kind or give income from savings, tax refunds, bonuses, or dividends. Please contact our treasurer at treasurer@arlingtonwoods.ca about these other giving options.

HOW IMPORTANT IS MY GIFT?



We cannot all give the same amount, but we can all sacrifice in the same way. Sacrifice involves choosing to give up something we value in order to give to a greater purpose.

Our giving to God is never motivated by guilt or coercion, but by a genuine desire to partner with God in His work in our world.



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