

Roof Repair Campaign Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Why can't we do the repair inexpensively and do the real fix later in better economic times?

A: We have had several years of leaks already which we have repaired on a patchwork basis and have spent several thousand dollars doing it. We continue to get leaks. It appears to be due to the HVAC unit installation. We now have damage to drywall in several areas and dryrot to the plywood on the roof. Luckily the main wooden beams have not been damaged yet (as far as we can tell). In order to permanently fix the problem it means a redesign of the HVAC unit installation and a full replacement of the roof over the kitchen area and the education wing area. The judgment is that if we do not fix it now we are running a very high risk of substantial and costly damage in this coming winter.

Q: Can't we cover the cost with our existing reserves?

A: We do have small operational and capital reserves. There are two reasons why we expect to use all the operational reserve this year for our general budget. First, Microsoft has reduced their usage of our parking lot and commensurately reduced the rent they pay us (about a 50% reduction). Part of the rent went into our general fund. Second, pledging is down this year and some of our pledgers are not keeping current. For the capital reserves there is not enough money in the reserve fund to cover the entire project. Also we do not want to completely deplete that fund because it is only good stewardship to maintain a reserve for future emergencies.

Q: When do we need the money for the roof?

A: The work needs to be done this summer. In discussions with contractors the Trustees have targeted July of this year to start the project. It should take about a month to complete. With this timetable we will need some of the money at the beginning of the project but we need it all by the end of the summer,

Q: How much do I need to donate?

A: In total we are hoping to raise \$60,000. This consists of a \$45,000. estimate for the roof work and a \$15,000. contingency fund since any subroof repairs will be on a time and material basis. To raise this much money we would need the following leadership gifts.

- 2 gifts of \$10,000.
- 4 gifts of \$5000.
- 8 gifts of \$1000
- 12 gifts of \$500.
- 16 gifts of \$250.
- Multiple gifts of \$100.

Q: How can our Small Group help?

A: There are many ways to help. First, your group can have a discussion about the need and the role our building plays in our mission and discipleship. Second, your group can help through your prayers, volunteering your group's "sweat equity" to help with the

project (professionals will do all the roof work...you can help with site preparation and cleanup) and challenging your group to make a joint leadership gift.

Q: Due to our personal financial situation we cannot donate at this time. Is there something we can do?

A: Absolutely. We want everyone to be involved in this project in some way. First we all need to pray for God's help as we do the things necessary to bring disciples to Jesus. This is our mission and our first priority. Second we will need some help before and after the roof work to prepare the work site and clean up after the work is complete. Call Carla Woodworth of the Trustees to volunteer your "sweat equity"

Q: What are the dates for the campaign?

A: The campaign will run from May 11 through June 14. Our desire is to collect as much of the funds early in the summer as possible; however, you can spread your donations out through the summer. Just let Dave Thorson, our Financial Secretary know your intent. What ever you tell him will be completely confidential.

Q: Wasn't the Microsoft rent for our parking lot supposed to cover the roof repair?

A: You are right. The original plan was for the Microsoft rent to cover the roof repairs but two things happened this year to change the plan. First, due to the economic situation our pledging was down and we had to use about half the Microsoft rent for the operating budget. Second, Microsoft reduced their parking needs and commensurately reduced the rent they pay by about 50%. We had a good plan but the economic situation caused some major changes.

Q: Since this seems like a very early failure of the roof, have we tried to contact the Architect, Builder and Roofer to get them to share in the liability?

A: When the first leaks started we tried to do just that but because of problems on other jobs these companies all went out of business. There was no one to address the problem either financially or with warranty work. We continued to try and fix the problem on a patchwork basis but now is the time to do a full repair before major structural damage occurs.