



FAQS

Frequently
Asked Questions

I know we voted in favor of two new facilities, how did we get to this point?

Epikos has intentionally embraced a multi-site strategy. Our vision is to continue reaching the people and communities in and around Milwaukee. This is a natural step in our plans, to establish a permanent location for our North Side campus and a new fourth campus.

Why is our church getting involved in a capital initiative?

The capital initiative provides us with an opportunity to challenge one another to prayerfully consider our individual involvement and our personal commitment to the Lord. While finances enable us to purchase and renovate new and existing campuses, our ultimate mission is to make more and better disciples through our presence in the communities we hope to reach.

What is the total project cost?

We have set a faith-goal of \$2.7 million which will enable the purchase of both buildings and renovation costs to provide a meaningful worship experience to attendees. We also plan to invest in the infrastructure of our East Side and West Allis campuses. It is one initiative with multiple ministry impacts.

I am not planning to move to one of these new campuses, why should I invest in this initiative?

Someone who went before you invested their time, talent and treasure to establish our East Side and West Allis campuses. We are a church that makes room and desires to reach more people for Christ. By giving to this initiative, you are a key part in fulfilling our mission to grow God's kingdom in Milwaukee. Just like those before us, we are paying it forward.

What will Sunday preaching look like at four campuses?

As we expand, our plan is to continue providing a mixture of live and broadcast messages. As our current model indicates, future services or campuses will operate with broadcast messages with occasional live preaching from one of our pastors.

Why didn't we use the new Mayfair Road facility for our North Side community?

As we searched for a North Side facility, our desire was to remain as close to the current location as possible. The new Sherman Park building provides us a great location so we can continue to invest in the central city neighborhoods.

What if I already give or tithe to the general Epikos fund?

We ask that you do not sacrifice your current giving to provide to this initiative. The initiative has been designed so everyone can give something, no matter the amount and ultimately, only you and the Lord can decide how much you can give. No gift is too small and our goal is equal sacrifice, not equal gifts.

May I give assets other than cash or check?

Yes. There can be tremendous tax advantages to giving assets other than cash. Feel free to consult your tax advisor or reach out to Gregg Bolt, Project Lead, at gregg@epikos.org to discuss options.

When am I supposed to start giving toward my commitment?

Most recurring contributions will begin on April 19—Celebration Sunday. On that day, the church will rejoice in what God has done through pledges received toward the initiative. Please begin honoring your commitment based on the timing that works best for your income schedule.

Shouldn't we invest our money in missions and the campuses we already have?

As a church that has adopted a multi-site approach as one church in multiple locations, this is what we are doing. This initiative is not about adding buildings to make ourselves more comfortable or as a matter of convenience. This is a part of our mission to make more and better disciples throughout Milwaukee.

How does this initiative affect our debt?

We currently have 20-year mortgages on both our East and West campuses totaling \$1.7M. With this initiative, our goal is to raise 100% of the required funds over three years and not increase our long-term debt. We do intend to borrow some short-term funds this year to enable us to launch both campuses. The goal is to repay all short-term borrowings with the proceeds from this initiative.

How will we accommodate the immediate operating cost that will be associated with the additional facilities?

The project budget includes certain initial operating costs, such as utilities, insurance, and communication materials, to accommodate the opening of the new facilities and to avoid negatively impacting our general fund. We have intentionally included these startup operating expenses in our overall financial goal to portray an all-inclusive project budget and funding needs.

How will our commitments be received and who will see what we plan to give?

Your financial commitment will be placed in a sealed envelope so that confidentiality can be maintained. Only our finance team and the project lead will see your commitment and record the total dollar amount. Only the total dollar amount of all commitments received will be shared with the congregation.

How often will the church follow up on my progress against my commitment?

Commitments are not legally binding so there will be no follow up pressuring you. Epikos will simply mail out quarterly giving statements just as we do with our general offering to show you how much you have given in the calendar year.

Of the giving methods, is there a preferred method for giving to the initiative?

Direct deposit, cash or check are the best ways to give to the initiative. We do accept credit cards but there are transaction fees that we have to pay when people give via credit card.

How can I get involved?

There are many ways to get involved with the initiative. You can join us in prayer, give financially to the project, join a move (Sherman Park) or launch (Mayfair Road) team, or step up in a new way on the East Side or at West Allis. [Sign up for a move or launch team here.](#)

HAVE ANOTHER QUESTION?

Feel free to reach out to Gregg Bolt, Project Lead, at gregg@epikos.org for further assistance.
