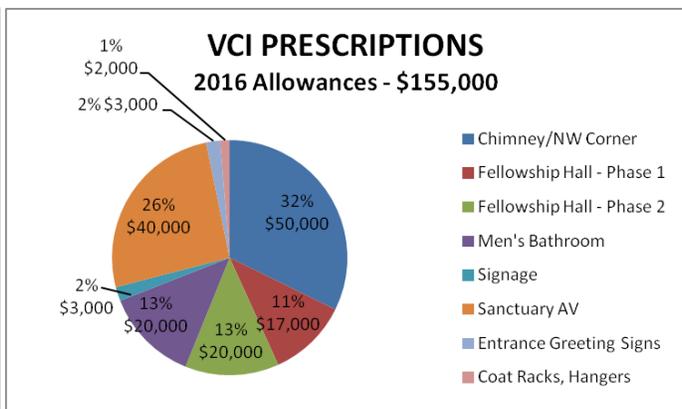
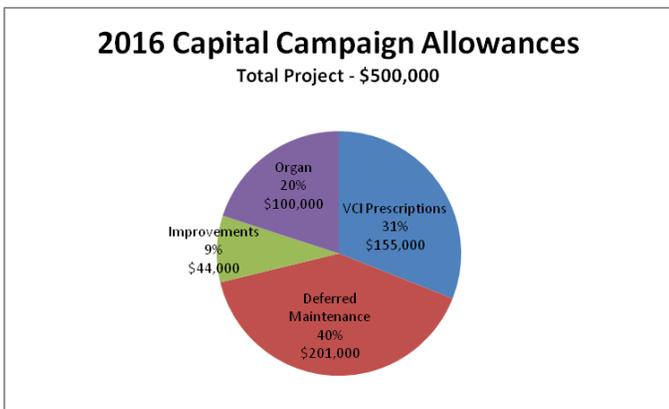


August 26, 2016

Dear Trinity Families,

Recently, the Trinity Trustees hosted two Town Hall Meetings in July to present information critical to the condition of our wonderful historic house of worship. For those of you who were unable to attend one of the Town Hall meetings, or if you'd like to review the topics covered, the video is available on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VTzdBNADUTQ>, which provides a greater understanding of all we have ahead of us fiscally with the stewardship of our remarkable architectural structure.

After both meetings concluded, we felt it was important to summarize in a letter, supportive reference background that we feel compelled to underscore for transparency. We have also provided the specific top 5 most common questions with the paraphrased answers from the notes which were taken at each meeting. Reference materials for Tax Advantage Giving will also be provided with this correspondence. We are providing two pie charts directly below that will help in visualizing, explaining and understanding the impact of the \$500,000 Capital Campaign Drive Allowances as they relate to approved VCI Prescriptions Allowances. The Trustees have recommended a comprehensive future facility plan developed after significant specialized professional evaluation and prioritization inclusive of obtaining appropriate estimates in order to relate how this in turn will provide the best outcome for **“Safe, Strong and Sacred Spaces”** with our hoped-for response in financial gifts and future family work day opportunities.



## Questions & Answers

**1. Q: How are the priorities for these projects determined and who makes these decisions for the church?**

**A:** Sense of urgency with structural building insufficiency issues take precedence; followed by all remaining approved VCI Prescriptions; then overdue maintenance, followed by the organ and improvements in no particular order at this time. The Trustees make these determinations and are open to comments.

**2. Q: How will the Capital Campaign Allowances be allocated in the event we would not reach the \$500K goal?**

**A:** If we are unable to meet the goal, projects will be addressed in the order of priority as explained above.

**3. Q: What is the projected time frame that the Trustees expect to complete these capital Improvements?**

**A:** The Trustees anticipate that these projects in total will be completed within the next 36 months &/or as soon as gifts are received.

**4. Q: Should I refer to my Tax Advisor after reviewing the Tax Advantage Giving resources if I choose this option?**

**A:** Absolutely. It is always recommended to discuss any decision with a tax professional as it relates to your own specific tax situation.

**5. Q: What are the various options I could consider for sharing my gift in support of Safe, Strong and Sacred Spaces on Miracle Sunday, September 18, 2016?**

**A:** Commitments from all in support of Trinity's renewal, including any one-time gifts and pledges up to 36 months will be accepted and deeply appreciated anytime now and going forward.

We will bring our financial gifts together for **Safe, Strong and Sacred Spaces on Miracle Sunday, September 18**, an act of celebration and declaration of our commitment and hope for the future. Ongoing vital contact will continue for upcoming weeks.

With a grateful heart,

Safe, Strong and Sacred Spaces Team

Lynn Francis (Memorial & Endowment), Amy Heiney (VCI), Paul Hillman (Church Council Chair), Diane Joppie (Finance-Stewardship), Nancy Manett (Finance Chair), Pastor David Nellist, Warren Richter, Jeff Snyder (Trustee Chair) and Kay Snyder (Treasurer)

P.S. For paper copies of the **VCI Consultation/Prescription Report** and **Tax Advantage Giving**, please contact Betsy Weems in the church office at 456.7168, [office@grtumc.org](mailto:office@grtumc.org); or visit the Trinity website at [www.grtumc.org/News & Events/VCI](http://www.grtumc.org/News & Events/VCI).