

Isn't it better to just 'give as I'm able' instead of making a 3-year commitment? What if my financial situation changes?

Again, this decision is between you and Jesus and we bless you to work things out with Him!

That being said, there are 2 reasons to prayerfully consider taking this step:

- 1) We can't move forward in this project without sufficient expressed faith commitments.
- 2) Making a written commitment to a certain dollar amount is valuable because it raises our faith and expectancy level.

To be candid, it doesn't require faith in God to simply 'give if and as I'm able.'

However, when we express a financial commitment on this level, we find ourselves looking and praying for God to provide for us in a way that will allow us to fulfill our commitment to Him. Those who don't put themselves in a place to really trust Him in this will miss out on any opportunity to witness His (surprising) provision.

God has orchestrated our journey with Him to be such that 'without faith, it is impossible to please God' (Hebrews 11:6). He wants to keep calling forth a posture of faith, trust and obedience in response to His prompting.

When does the financial fulfillment of my faith commitment start?

It starts as soon as you express your faith commitment and is to be completed by December of 2021.

What is the overall goal?

There are 3 overriding aspects to the goal:

- 1) As a church family, to grow in listening to, trusting and then obeying whatever Jesus asks of us. This whole project has been about challenging us to put Jesus First in the area of our finances – ultimately, this is about our relationship with Him.
- 2) For everyone to participate. Regardless of the size of the gift, this is a whole church family effort. In a healthy family, everyone contributes to the well-being of everyone else.
- 3) To raise \$3.7M in 3-year faith commitments to allow us to begin construction in the Spring of 2019.



Unlimited Potential

Jeremy Peters ~ October 14, 2018

John 12:24 NLT

I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat is planted in the soil and dies, it remains alone. But its death will produce many new kernels—a plentiful harvest of new lives.

1 John 4:7-12, 20-21 NLT

⁷ Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. ⁸ But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

⁹ God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. ¹⁰ This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

¹¹ Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other. ¹² No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us.

²⁰ If someone says, "I love God," but hates a fellow believer, that person is a liar; for if we don't love people we can see, how can we love God, whom we cannot see? ²¹ And he has given us this command: Those who love God must also love their fellow believers.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 NLT

Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud ⁵ or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. ⁶ It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. ⁷ Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.



3-Year Faith Commitment Q & A

What am I being asked to commit to?

Pray. Listen to Jesus. Make a 3-year financial faith commitment to the Seed Project in obedience to Jesus' direction.

When should I make my faith commitment?

We are asking that 3-year commitments be made at any point throughout the month of October. This will help us discern the financial viability of moving to the construction phase in early 2019.

Why is a 3-year faith commitment required?

Three primary reasons:

- 1) It demonstrates the financial will of the congregation for the Seed Project in tangible form.
- 2) Our denominational leadership requires it before it will grant approval for construction. *
- 3) 3 years allows us the potential for sufficient financial capital to be raised while still keeping the timeframe manageable.

* Our denomination requires congregations to have 1/3 of the total project in cash, 1/3 of the total project in 3-year faith commitments, and 1/3 of the total project can be managed through a mortgage.

What if I can't fulfill my commitment? Is this legally binding in some way?

This decision is between each person/family and Jesus. A faith commitment is not a legally binding contract, but rather an expression of love and faith that as God provides for you, you will serve as a conduit of God's resources through to the project as He directs.

APPRENTICESHIP PRAYER PARTNER QUESTIONS:

1. Where in your life are you currently being stretched and challenged to love someone in a way that is requiring you to 'lay down your life' for them (John 15:13)? Where it's not easy, and requiring you to 'die' to your preferences, opinions, ideas, etc...
2. Read through 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. As you consider the various descriptors for love, which one stands out to you as a current growth opportunity? What are you having to 'lay down' in order to become more like that particular characteristic of love?