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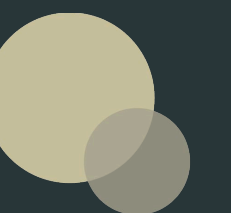
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Vision and Mission

At Encounter Church, our mission is to make disciples who love Jesus, live like Jesus, and lead others to Jesus. We are dedicated to fostering a supportive and spiritually enriching community where individuals can grow in their faith and serve others. God has provided a space for us to be this type of community and we are it's steward. As our congregation grows, so does our need for expanded facilities and enhanced resources to better serve our community.

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Our Renovation History

1951 - The church started in a home and then moved to the VFW Hall

1954 - The original building on what is now the Post Office land was purchased for \$4500

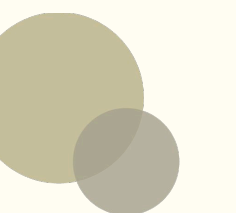
1965 - A Fireside Chapel was built on our current site and the original building was moved from the PO site

1974 - The sanctuary was constructed

1985 - The Fellowship Hall and the Kid's Wing was added

1987 - A "Burn the Mortgage" capital campaign was completed to become debt free

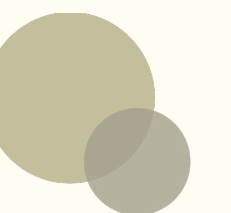
2016 - ~\$750K was raised to install an elevator and fire alarm system





Our current facilities have served us well, but we are now at a point where growth and development are essential. The increasing number of community members and our expanding programs require more space and updated amenities to continue our mission effectively. In addition, some parts of our facility simply need repair or updating.

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Campaign Overview

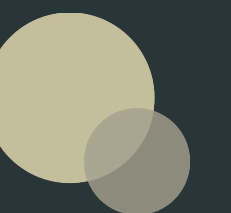
Your gift to Refresh will...

Enhance Facilities: Create more space in the narthex; create better flow in spaces for children and youth; maximize seating in the sanctuary, add bathrooms near the sanctuary and air conditioning throughout the church.

Strengthen Community: Provide additional support for community outreach programs and services.

Maximize Ministry Longevity: Improve the lifespan of our facility for future ministry.

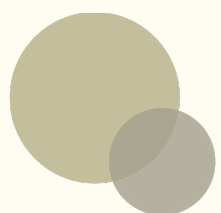
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Timeline



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Campaign Goals

\$1.5M is ~50% of the total need for the Refresh Campaign. We currently have an additional ~\$1.5M saved.

There are ~236 unique givers who support Encounter financially. Therefore, our participation goal is **188 pledges towards Refresh.**

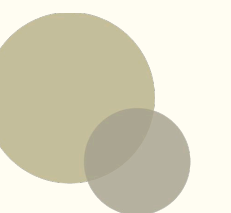
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\$1.5m

Financial Goal

80%

Participation Goal



The Impact of Your Gift



“We are planting seeds that will grow into a harvest for generations. Every brick, every gift, every sacrifice builds more than walls; it builds faith, hope, and opportunities to encounter Jesus.”

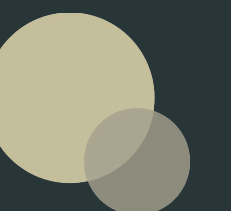
Michael Lee | Lead Pastor



“When the Refresh project is completed, it will maximize the potential of the sanctuary space and set us up for growth and expansion.”

Robert Gorini | Worship Pastor

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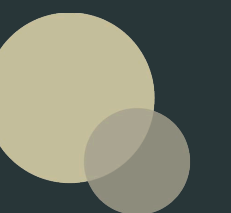
“What excites me most about the Refresh project is the opportunity to create a warm, welcoming space where families feel truly safe, and kids feel deeply valued and inspired to grow in a lifelong love for Jesus.”

Sara Hwang | Children's & Young Adult Pastor



“When the Refresh project is completed, our students will have a place in our church that gives them a deeper sense of ownership and belonging in our community.”

Christian Griffith | Youth Pastor





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Donation Opportunities

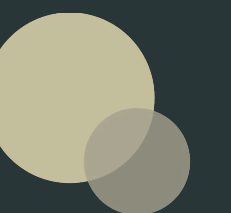
Naming Option: For gifts of \$30K or over, you will have the option to place a plaque next to the entry door of a room of your choice to honor a loved one or leave a family legacy.

For example:

A generous gift to refresh this space was made in honor of _____

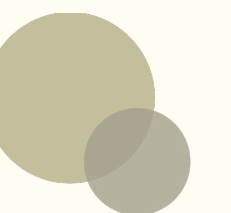
A generous gift to refresh this space was made by the _____ Family.

Matching Gifts: Double the impact of your donation through matching gifts from your employer or other matching programs.



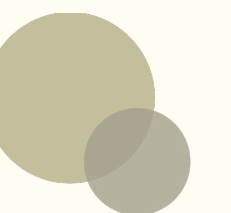
A Note on Tithing vs. Offerings

Tithing and special offerings are two distinct forms of giving outlined in Scripture. Each serve a unique purpose in supporting God's work.



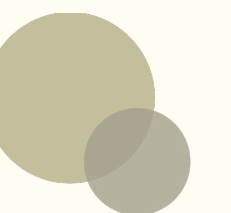
Tithing

Tithing, as described in the Old Testament, involves giving a tenth of one's resources to God. This practice was established as a regular, ongoing commitment for the Israelites to support the work of the Levites and the maintenance of the tabernacle/temple. In modern times, many Christians view tithing as a consistent way to support their local church and its ongoing ministries. In the New Testament, Jesus commends the Pharisees' practice of tithing, as it aligns with the principles of generous, cheerful, and regularly planned giving taught throughout the Scriptures. Your current level of giving to Encounter likely falls in this category.



Special Offerings

In the Old Testament, God commanded the Israelites to bring offerings to build the initial tabernacle and during festival seasons, emphasizing that they "should not appear before Him empty-handed". Today, special offerings provide an opportunity for believers to support extraordinary initiatives or expansions in God's work that may fall outside the scope of regular church budgets. And, they allow givers to demonstrate sacrificial generosity and faith in God's provision. For the Refresh campaign, your giving would be considered this type of special offering.



The Bible Is Not Silent On Capital Campaigns

In Exodus 35, Moses leads a campaign to build a tabernacle.

Notice the campaign's principles:

1. It was a collective effort
2. Givers were inspired
3. Giving was voluntary
4. Contributions had a purpose

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"And they came, everyone whose heart was stirred, and everyone whose spirit was willing, and brought the Lord's offering to be used for the tent of meeting, and for all its service, and for the sacred vestments."

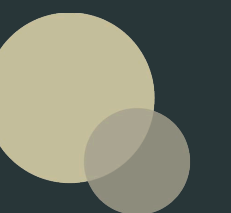
Exodus 35:21 NRSV

What was the result of this campaign?

So Moses gave command, and word was proclaimed throughout the camp: “No man or woman is to make anything else as an offering for the sanctuary.” So the people were restrained from bringing; for what they had already brought was *more than enough to do all the work.*

Exodus 36:6-7 NRSV

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Make Your Pledge

Pick up a paper pledge card in the lobby of
Encounter Church -OR- for a digital pledge
card, visit encountereastside.org, click on
Refresh then Pledge Card.

NOTE: Pledge cards are due no later than 2/1/26. Please put your paper pledge card in the box at the church lobby display.

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At Encounter Church, our mission is to

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Spouse Name (if applicable)

Email

Phone

Amount: \$

☐ One-time gift

☐ Gift spread out over time

Signature

Date

This is how I / we plan to fulfill my / our pledge:

☐ Gift from a donor directed fund

☐ Gift via Encounter website by credit/debit card or ACH

☐ Electronic check/transfer to Encounter

☐ Personal check or cash

☐ Stock transfer

NOTE: Specific instructions for each giving option are given on the Refresh website. Go to [encountereastside.org](#) and click on Refresh.

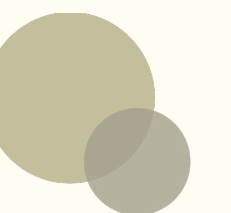
Thank you for partnering with us.

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Options To Fulfill Your Pledge

- **Donor Directed Fund:** Mail check made out to Encounter Church with REFRESH in memo line to:
Encounter Church, PO Box 2, Mercer Island, WA 98040
- **Online giving via credit/debit card:** Visit www.encountereastside.org , Click on REFRESH, then Give Now
- **Check:** Mail check made out to Encounter Church with REFRESH in memo line to:
Encounter Church, PO Box 2, Mercer Island, WA 98040 -OR- use sanctuary offering boxes
- **Cash:** Put cash in an envelope labeled For REFRESH and place in sanctuary offering boxes
- **Stock Transfers:** DTC: 0226, Receiving firm: Fidelity; Receiving account number: RZ4040809; Receiving Account Registration: Encounter Church; Contact: Paul Chun paul@hogenhoutassociates.com



Transform the Future of Encounter Church

Your support is crucial to the success of Refresh and the future of Encounter Church. We invite you to be a part of this transformative journey. Together, we can build a stronger, more vibrant community. Thank you for your commitment to our mission and your dedication to our community.

For more information or personalized assistance, please contact:

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