



Honoring Our Past Building Our Future Together

For generations, St. Stephen's has been a place of worship, community, and welcome. Our 2026 capital campaign - *Honoring Our Past, Building Our Future Together* – is designed to address urgent needs, including protecting our sanctuary, while also strengthening and sustaining our campus for the years ahead.

We are at an important moment in the life of our church. While this campaign focuses on caring for our buildings and grounds, its deeper purpose is to sustain the ministry and community that flourish within them every day.

In April, we hosted a series of seven small gatherings to share these plans, answer questions, and listen. We are grateful to everyone who participated. At each meeting, we distributed a detailed booklet, reviewed ten proposed project initiatives, and invited your thoughtful input. Your engagement affirmed both a strong belief in St. Stephen's direction and a shared commitment to ensuring our campus remains a vibrant foundation for our ministries.

Several themes emerged across the conversations: pride in our beautiful church, a deep commitment to our musical legacy, and a desire to ensure our campus remains welcoming, accessible, and hospitable to all - on Sundays and throughout the week. We also heard continued enthusiasm for supporting children, families, youth programming and outreach.

In summary, the projects were ranked across all groups as follows:

- **Waterproofing** the church exterior
- Rehabbing the **Organ**
- Repairing the **Rectory** roof and adding air conditioning
- Restaining the **exterior wood-paneled walls** and **repairing the parking lot**
- Establishing an **Asset Replacement Fund**
- Improving **accessibility and safety in the choir loft**
- Expanding the courtyard memorial plots with a **columbarium**
- Improving **exterior lighting** and office **ventilation**
- Updating the **church restrooms**

- Redesigning the **choir's robing space** and lower-level **multi-purpose room**

We look forward to gathering as a church community on May 13 for our Campaign Kickoff Dinner at the San Francisco Yacht Club. We had a strong response to our invitations and expect a festive evening as we celebrate where we are as a church and look ahead to the future we are building together. We will have additional opportunities to gather together in the weeks ahead for those who were not able to provide a positive RSVP.

Thank you for your faithful participation and support. We are grateful to be on this journey with you.

With deep appreciation,

Rev. Kyle Seage

Chris Simpson Brent and Chuck Eaton, Campaign Committee Co-Chairs