

## **Trinity Community Church – 2020 Annual Report** **“Building Up, Living It Out” Vision Finance**

Now, it is my privilege to present our “Building Up, Living It Out” Vision Finance report.

The new Discipleship Ministries Center is the fulfillment of the elders’ vision that started about seven years ago. The desire and vision for the Discipleship Ministries Center was to expand our ability to make disciples of our children, students and adults.

In the “Building Up, Living It Out” Vision presented to the congregation a little over three years ago, our hope was to have enough financial resources to build two buildings at a total cost estimated to be about \$7 million – a Discipleship Ministries Center and a new Student Ministries Center. For those of you who were with us for our “Building Up” Vision campaign, you will remember that one of our core financial principles was to not spend more than what God provided.

God graciously provided enough funding for completion of the Discipleship Ministries Center. Thanks be to God for His provision for the expansion of our disciple-making vision! No one among us could have foreseen the pandemic and how essential this beautiful new building would be in providing much-needed additional worship and disciple-making space for our growing congregation; but God knew!

Our 3-year “Building Up, Living It Out” pledge period started on January 1, 2018 and concluded on December 31, 2020 -- thirty-one days ago. Cumulative giving for the “Building Up, Living It Out” Vision was \$5,062,181. To God be the glory! On behalf of our elders, deacons and staff, I want to praise God for His provision and for all of you who fulfilled your building commitments, in some cases giving above and beyond your original pledge. We thank God for your faithfulness and perseverance. And we are glad and grateful to report that our building fund was debt free at the conclusion of the three-year pledge period, December 31, 2020.

Again, by God’s grace, we now have enough remaining in the building fund to complete a few of the items that were part of the original “Building Up, Living It Out” Vision, but were postponed because there were not enough funds available at the time the project was started. Those items include landscaping along Willow Avenue and additional office space. We will be converting a portion of the Upper Room into much needed office space for our staff – a few of whom don’t currently have office space. We also want to express our gratitude for those of you who continue giving to the building fund – giving which encourages our elders as they prayerfully consider God’s leading for future possibilities to accommodate our space needs for worship and discipleship of our growing congregation. We want to assure you that all gifts received for the building fund, past and future, will be retained solely for our building and grounds needs.

So, in summary:

- We received enough funding to build the Discipleship Ministries Center

- We have no debt on the building, let me say that again...we have no debt on the building, and
- We have been in the building—making use of it nearly every day and night of each week-- for more than a year. Praise God!

Let me close with a verse from Mark 10:27, "Looking intently at them, Jesus said, 'With men this is impossible, but not with God; for nothing is impossible with God.'"

Please bow with me as we close in prayer. Father God, we are thankful for how you continue to bless Trinity Community Church. We desire to be a church that glorifies you. Please continue to lead, guide and direct us on your path. Let it be said of us that we followed your guidance and direction. We boldly and thankfully pray this in Jesus name!