

The Campaign for Trinity's Future on 100th Street



We on the communications committee welcome you to the first campaign newsletter of our very own capital campaign to secure the future of Trinity and all its works and grace on 100th Street, Manhattan, NYC.

Let the light of Trinity shine on through its windows and doors and its people.

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Dear friends and family of God,

One of my favorite children's songs goes like this:

*The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple,
The church is not a resting place, the church is the people!*

Of course, Trinity *is* now a resting place for young people in need of shelter and acceptance every night of the year. In fact, Trinity has been a place of shelter for a hundred years: welcoming immigrants new to the city, feeding the hungry, encouraging children, celebrating the arts, gathering a diverse community to share in and bear witness to the love of God.

I feel so honored to be part of Trinity at this special point in our history. Above all, I feel blessed to be part of this people: varied, gifted, caring, justice-seeking, faithful, hope-filled, creative people who let their light shine in so many wondrous ways. If you are receiving this newsletter, you are very likely one of these special people who have made Trinity the church that it is today. Even if you are no longer in the area, your past gifts have enabled this church to be present today.

I am writing to invite you to join me in supporting Trinity's efforts to continue to shine on into the future. Although, as the song says, "the church is not a building," having a

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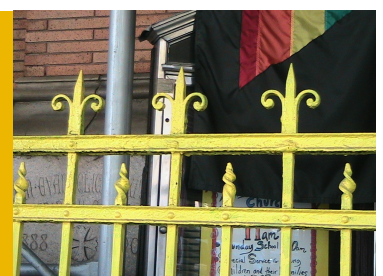
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solid space to gather and be built together as a community is an irreplaceable asset. Having a space to offer hospitality, especially to those being pushed to the margins of our city is a holy calling. Having this beautiful space, built by our forebears a century ago and now entrusted to our care, is both a gift and a responsibility.

I love Trinity's campaign theme: "Shine On!" I love that it speaks to the light that shines through the community we know as Trinity. We are embracing a big challenge for ourselves with this capital campaign to raise enough money to get our building into good shape for the years ahead. I ask you to join me in prayerfully considering your part in this effort.

The song concludes:
I am the church, You are the church! We are the church together!

Together, with the help of God, we will raise the funds needed.
God's grace and goodness will shine on through us for the sake of our neighbors here and everywhere.

Love in Christ, our light and our life,
Pastor Heidi



Meet our Consultant



JOHN H. HEWETT PRESIDENT & CEO

John H. Hewett has been leading nonprofit organizations for 35 years.

He entered development work first as consultant with and ultimately president of Cargill Associates, the national fundraising consulting firm, and later as Director of Development of the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra, Vice President of Development at the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, Senior Vice President of Development and Marketing at the historic Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts in Philadelphia, and Director of Development at the National Endowment for the Arts in Washington, D.C. He is president and CEO of Hewett Consulting, a firm guiding churches and nonprofits nationwide in strategic planning, fundraising, leadership development, conflict resolution, and executive search. A widely-traveled speaker and writer, Dr. Hewett is in frequent demand as a teacher, consultant, and facilitator of best practices in non-profit organizational leadership.

A native of Florida, he was graduated from Stetson University and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, which awarded him the Master of Divinity and Doctor of Philosophy degrees. At the completion of his doctoral work he was appointed Adjunct Professor of Christian Ethics at Southern Seminary. His ministry experience spanned congregations in Florida, Kentucky, Missouri, North Carolina and Texas in a variety of positions, including senior pastorates at Kirkwood Baptist Church, St. Louis and First Baptist Church, Asheville. Upon moving to North Carolina in 2007 he was invited by the First Baptist Church of Monroe to become interim senior minister and, subsequently, permanent senior minister, a position he assumed in April 2008.

He is a past president of the North Carolina Council on Christian Higher Education, charter board member of the Baptist Center for Ethics, former member of Americans United's national advisory council, and the first moderator of Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

Since its publication in 1980, his ground-breaking book *After Suicide* has sold over 100,000 copies in the United States and Europe (translated into German as *Niemand ist ohne Hoffnung*). He was instrumental in establishing the national Suicide Prevention Advocacy Network and served as an early member of SNAP's board.

He is married to Andrea Stevenson, president and executive director of Charlotte's Community School Of the Arts, and the father of two grown sons.

Meet the Leadership Team:

CAMPAIGN DIRECTORS:

Helen Atsma, Thomas Jahn

Helen and Thomas are the lay leaders of our campaign who will coordinate the work of the leadership teams and keep the congregation informed of progress.

CAMPAIGN COORDINATOR:

Katie Donohue

Katie is the liaison between all the directors, the pastor and the consultant during the campaign. She is also organizing the list of volunteers throughout the campaign.

ADVANCE COMMITMENTS DIRECTORS:

Ryan Floyd, Samuel Bandlamudi, Ulirike Hoffman, Asahi Pompey and Constantin Schoelkopf

Ryan, Sam, Ulrike, Asahi, and Constantin will organize and solicit advance commitments, providing support for the campaign.

VISION AWARENESS DIRECTORS:

Lydie Raschka, Stephanie Lemcke, Joy Gramolini, Patricia Lopez

Lydie, Stephanie, Joy and Patty will lead a church wide effort to share information and encourage prayer for the program.

SPIRITUAL LIFE DIRECTORS:

Mary Coakley, Marcos de Jesus

Mary and Marcos will be leading the church through a time of spiritual discernment and stewardship training.

CHILDREN/YOUTH DIRECTORS:

Sarai Lopez, Julia Schmidt, Patty Holman

Sarai, Julia and Patty will ensure the children and youth of Trinity take an active part in the campaign. Nicholas, Joy and Danielle will be leading the Shelter portion of the campaign.

SHELTER DIRECTORS:

Nicholas Forge, Joy Chia , Danielle Pepin

Nicholas, Joy and Danielle will be leading the Shelter portion of the campaign.

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTORS:

Marc Lemcke, Chris Raschka, Jennifer Graves, Dan Schmidt

Marc, Chris and Jennifer will coordinate Campaign publicity that informs the congregation of the meaning and message of the program.

CELEBRATION EVENT DIRECTORS:

Shauna Stoltz-Laurie, Roger Stoltz and Annie Lizardi

Shauna, Roger and Annie will plan and execute the church wide celebration event on Saturday, April 10th.

HOSPITALITY DIRECTORS:

Miriam Christian, Gretchen Johnson

Miriam and Gretchen will organize a team to make phone calls to confirm reservations for the celebration event on April 10th.

MAILING DIRECTORS:

Sharon Wilson, Gladys Valera

Sharon and Gladys will coordinate all materials, mailings and other information used during the campaign.

COMMITMENT DIRECTORS:

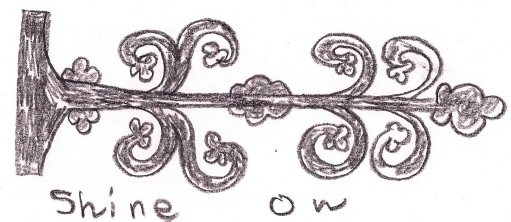
Horace Beasley, Judith Martin

Horace and Judith will follow up with those not registering a commitment on Sunday, March 28th.

FOLLOW-UP DIRECTORS:

Edie Hunter, Petra and John Lewis

Edie, Petra and John will provide support throughout the giving period and involve new members as they join.



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Sunday, March 28
Commitment Sunday

Saturday, April 10
Celebration Event at St. Peter's



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