



BUILDING
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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

As we prepare for the launch of our *Building Light and Faith* Capital Campaign, our goal is to answer questions that surfaced during the planning study through a series of Frequently Asked Questions bulletin inserts. You can find copies of each insert along with additional campaign materials on our website (assumptionspokane.org).

WHY DO WE NEED TO REPLACE THE ENTIRE ROOF?

In 1978, the parish council approved the construction of a church building designed to be simple and non-monumental, to be compatible with existing structures on the parish's property. The design included a flat roof typically used in California with a membrane, coating and gravel which kept it in line with the design goals but did not adequately account for weather conditions in Spokane. Over the past 40 years, wind, rain, snow and ice dams have caused major interior and exterior damage to our church building.

At this point we have exhausted all options for repairing the roof as it is. Our current plan is to re-engineer the entire roof, creating an elevated center section down the main aisle of the church. The standing seam steel roof will allow for better drainage and control of run-off. From inside the church, the elevated section will visually create a stronger axis between the baptismal font and the altar. Clerestory windows will run along the elevated roof allowing for natural light to improve the sense of volume and space in the sanctuary.

WHY DOES THE REPLACEMENT OF THE ROOF REQUIRE US TO BRING THE ENTIRE STRUCTURE UP TO CODE?

The minute the building envelope is pierced, the project becomes a remodel, not an update or repair, leading to the requirement that the entire building to be up to current building code levels. Current building code requires places of assembly to have a certain number of restrooms and fire exits, fire sprinkling system and additional safety requirements. It also demands upgrades to plumbing, sewage treatment and water flow.

In our case, we cannot meet these requirements within the limitations of our current structure. The addition of the parish hall adjacent to the church will provide us with the space needed to address these additional requirements while also allowing us a place to gather as a community.



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