



Capital Campaign Committee Report (Greg Scriver, Committee Chairman) August 12, 2015

“Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it?” Luke 14:28

Asking God’s blessing and direction, that tower building directive recorded in Luke is precisely what the Capital Campaign Committee is striving to do. Here is a summary of God’s blessings to date.

Committee Authorization / Formation: On February 11, 2015, the Luther High Conference of Delegates authorized the formation of a finance committee (capital campaign committee) to research options for funding /financing and to present those options at the May COD meeting.

Committee Membership / Organization: At their first meeting on April 1, 2015, the Capital Campaign committee elected Greg Scriver to serve as chairman and Brad Schaper to serve as secretary. Other members of the committee are: Wade Hackbarth, Steve Wrobel, Dan Scriver, Greg Schibbelhut, Kevin Strangman, Pastor Jon Bilitz, Pastor Dave Liggett, Larry Lindesmith, and advisory members (Dan Kunz, Pastor Andrew Schultz and Paul Wichmann). The committee also reviewed the Master Plan.

May 13, 2015 Conference of Delegates Meeting Approvals/Subsequent Actions

1. Permission granted to engage a third party to conduct an Awareness and Readiness Study to evaluate the building project and determine which kind of capital campaign model would best serve Luther High. Cost not to exceed \$15,000.
2. Cornerstone Stewardship Ministry selected to conduct the Awareness and Readiness Study. Mr. Jeff Davis is the lead consultant to direct this study.
3. ***“Rise Up and Build”*** At their May 13, 2015, meeting the Luther High Conference of Delegates approved this theme, based on Nehemiah 2:18, for the Master Plan building project.
4. Mission Advancement Director: Mindful of the long-term interest of Luther High, the Capital Campaign Committee underscored the great need to strengthen relationships and improved communication with Luther High’s constituency. As this is long-term commitment and is not limited to a particular building project, this initiative is being addressed by the Luther High Foundation.

Awareness and Readiness Study

The goal of Master Plan is to ensure that all improvements, from staffing and educational programs to new construction and repurposing existing facilities proceed according to a plan that will make the best use of the resources with which the Lord blesses us. Our high school’s mission/vision statement is the basis for all review and action.

The main funding options to be considered are:

1. Major gifts from friends of Luther High
2. Support from LHS Association congregations
3. Special gifts from alumni, past/present parents, businesses and foundations.
4. Commercial financing options should the first three options prove to be insufficient

Estimated Cost & Current Funding of Phases 1, 2, and 3

Cost for Phases 1, 2, and 3 is	\$7,600,000"
Current funding available is	\$1,872,000
Funds to be raised to complete Phases 1, 2 & 3	\$5,728,000

The Awareness and Readiness Study will help to ascertain support for implementing Phases 1, 2 and 3 of Luther High’s Master Building and Site Plan. In the coming weeks input from interviews and surveys will assist to that end. This information will also help to shape our plans for the future and give an indication for our next steps. Highlights of the Awareness and Readiness Study Timeline include:

- Distribution of Case Statement to share needs, opportunities and costs
- Personal interviews
- Survey of Luther High’s constituency
- Meetings with LHS pastors
- Analysis of input from interviews and surveys
- Monthly newsletter updates
- Summary report to LHS friends, parents and other member of the LHS community
- Concluding report of Awareness and Readiness Study to Luther High Conference of Delegates in November

Confident of God’s blessing and direction the Capital Campaign Committee is excited to share this update. What a blessed opportunity is before us! The members of the Capital Campaign Committee stand ready to assist the supporters of Luther High in bringing this Building Project to reality. Please join us in praying for the success of our “RISE UP AND BUILD” campaign, trusting with us that our God is the source of every blessing and the giver of every good and perfect gift.