



THE PARISH OF SAINT MATTHEW  
THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN PACIFIC PALISADES

Almost 40 years ago, St. Matthew's was burned to the ground.

In a visionary collaborative effort involving 200+ parishioners the current St. Matthew's was conceived, designed and built anew.

NOW IT'S OUR TURN!

A transformational capital campaign will finance the much needed and long overdue

RENOVATION and REVITALIZATION  
OF OUR PARISH CAMPUS

We are all grateful beneficiaries of the leadership that created the church we love. But in the ensuing years a lot has changed and the parish buildings and grounds are badly in need of renovation. Our rector recently articulated his belief that this is a place set apart to form disciples of Christ. Indeed, part of our vision for St. Matthew's is to be a community of Christian formation not only for our congregation, the diocese, and the greater Episcopal Church, but to the wider community beyond our walls – forming disciples who are the hands and feet of Jesus. To live into this vision, we must have the facilities that allow us to carry out our robust formation programs and our many other ministries including children's programs, Sunday morning classes, Emmaus Groups, Day Camp, Boy Scouts, etc.

We strongly believe that God calls us to be a church that's welcoming to parishioners and newcomers alike – it's a key part of our mission statement – and, quite honestly, our campus is not very inviting. It's difficult to navigate for everyone and for the disabled or people with limited mobility, several areas are literally inaccessible – and that has to change.

These are the needs we have identified:

- Founders Hall needs to be renovated and reconfigured as a formation center:
  - Create accessible community gathering space (multi-use meeting rooms, classrooms)
  - Create usable contiguous office space
  - Become ADA-compliant
  - Install Air Conditioning and Heating System
- The Parish Center needs to be refreshed and reconfigured:
  - Building on the enhancements made possible by the 2001 campaign, we need to create accessible, usable community gathering space (multi-use meeting rooms, classrooms) and possibly add office space

- The Columbarium and Memorial Gardens require substantial renovation and expansion.
- An arborist survey identified many diseased and dying trees that need to be removed.
- The garden in front of the church needs more environmentally sound and attractive landscaping.
- The courtyard immediately outside the church needs to be more usable and welcoming with improved esthetics.
- The Caretaker's Home on Bienvenida is derelict and needs to be replaced with a single family home and guest facilities, usable by future clergy and guests.
- We need to build up both the Parish Endowment and our cash reserves

#### Anticipated Costs

- We anticipate that the overall costs of the improvements will be in the range of \$8 million to \$10 million.

#### Capital Campaign

- We feel confident of our capacity and ability to raise \$8 million to \$10 million to make the necessary improvements.

#### Why do we need a Capital Campaign?

- Parish has no cash reserves.
- Parish endowment for unrestricted use is only \$500,000. As an indication of how inadequate this is, a healthy church endowment is typically at least 2.5 x expenses. By that calculation, St. Matthew's endowment should be at least \$4,500, 000.