

The Capital Campaign: *How are we doing?*

Can you believe it's been over a year since we launched our capital campaign and began raising funds to renovate our educational center? The months have flown by and many exciting developments have occurred. Here's a recap ~

- Members and friends have pledged/donated \$445,519 to the project. We have far exceeded our initial goal of \$300,000, but we encourage everyone to join us in this important project. Right now, 58% of our members are participating...***we are aiming for 100%***.
- Private foundations have awarded us \$100,000 in grants. We continue to apply for funding so if you have any leads about possible sources of aid, contact Pastor Anne.
- We have raised \$3059 through ***Foodland's Give Aloha program*** and donations from community businesses. We will be taking part again in the Give Aloha program in September so keep your eye out for information in the August newsletter about how you can participate.
- The church has approved using \$270,274 from its operating, repair/equipment, and memorial donation funds for the capital campaign.
- Different groups in the church have raised \$2277 through mini fundraisers including a spaghetti dinner by our youth, a car wash by the Summer Fun staff and children, Lenten donations collected by our Sunday School children, and t-shirt sales organized by the capital campaign committee. During the summer we are planning two more fundraisers. On ***August 21*** members of the Sisters and Brothers Offering Support and the Book Club will organize a ***food sale***. We are also discussing the possibility of another ***car wash*** in July so please support these fundraising events!

The total budget for the renovation project is \$1.26 million. Wow! ***That's a lot of money but we have already raised over \$800,000 or 66% of the total amount.*** We are definitely on our way to achieving our goal!

We are also making progress on the timetable for the renovation project. Our architect has been selected and has submitted preliminary plans to the Board of Trustees for review. Many thanks to chair *Jerry Hamada* for coordinating the review of the initial plans. A hazmat study of the proposed renovation areas is also underway to ensure that all hazardous materials that may be on site are disposed of properly to meet existing building codes.

Once the final plans from the architect have been approved by the Trustees, the next steps include:

- securing the required building permits
- requesting construction bids and selecting the project contractor
- finalizing our bank construction loan

There is much to be done but we are making progress and we need your continued support to keep us moving forward. If you haven't made your pledge or contribution to the campaign, please consider doing it now. If you have a Maika`i card from Foodland, take part in the Give Aloha Program in September and be sure to join us on August 21 for our food sale and any other fundraising activities. Our capital campaign is an ambitious project and it may seem like an impossible dream but let's remember that ***with God all things are possible.***

(Matthew 19:26).

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