

GET READY

More than a Building

Frequently Asked Questions

Section 1

General Questions about Get Ready – the need/the solutions



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1. What is the Get Ready journey all about?

We are all stepping into a journey of readiness for what God is about to do. This journey will involve much more than raising funds towards the Phase 4 facility expansion. This is a season of expectancy for more lives coming to Christ in Central Alberta.

As part of this journey we will be increasing our giving to Central Alberta by donating 10 per cent of all funds raised toward the facility expansion to like minded organizations who share our vision to give everyone an opportunity to have a personal relationship with Jesus and by following Him, compassionately impact our world.

As we prepare to build and raise funds for the facility expansion, we want our entire church to step into a deeper journey of praying more and reading more scripture, getting more involved in church community, reaching out further and deeper into our communities and delighting in God daily.

2. What are we getting ready for?

Our leadership is unified in our sensing that God is about to pour out His Spirit on Red Deer and Central Alberta. We believe we are about to witness a harvest of God has been doing through us as we have been praying for three and engaging in minute longer conversations. We strongly sense God's calling for us to expand our physical space in preparation for the existing increase of new people coming to the church, as well as a new wave of future growth, for which we believe God is calling us to be prepared.

The building expansion will help us Get Ready for more of God, more people coming to Jesus, more Christ-centred community and relationships, and more outreach to our communities. This expanded space will include:

- ✓ An expanded sanctuary
- ✓ Expanded foyer
- ✓ Second café and extra seating areas
- ✓ Additional meeting and multiuse spaces
- ✓ New enhanced video room with three translation booths
- ✓ Additional administrative and office spaces
- ✓ Relocated prayer room
- ✓ New visitor centre (i.e. Connecting Point)
- ✓ New self-serve resource library
- ✓ Parking lot updates and enhancements to improve traffic flow.
- ✓ Washroom space

3. What is the financial goal of Get Ready?

We want to make more room for what God is about to do in our lives, in our hearts and in our building. As a church we will embark on a faith journey to raise \$8 million by 2022, towards the total \$18 million Phase 4 expansion of CrossRoads church.

We are stepping out in faith that through God's provision for our generosity, we will raise \$2-million by October 2019 to cover the first phase of sanctuary renovations and foyer expansion. We also aim for more generosity to Central Alberta. We are excited to give 10 per cent of all Get Ready financial donations to like minded local organizations that help to bring the love and hope of Jesus to the lost, the lonely, the least, the little and the nearly dead across Central Alberta.

4. What is our spiritual goal of Get Ready?

Spiritually, we will be encouraging each other to pursue more of God daily. During this journey, we envision each of us:

- ✓ **Praying more** – including setting more time aside to be with God in prayer, continuing to pray for three and asking God that He would show us how he is moving in our lives the world around us, fill us with His compassion for Central Alberta and reveal His will for each of our contribution to Get Ready.
- ✓ **Reading more scripture** – as a church we will be challenging ourselves to step into a three-year Bible reading challenge. We hope by the end of the three years, all of us will have read the entire Bible, whether for the first time, or for a second, third or fourth time.
- ✓ **Getting more involved in church community** – presently about 50 per cent of our congregation is involved in some kind of church community, whether it be in a small group, a ministry or serving. Our goal is that all of us would be involved in some form of community by the end of the three years.
- ✓ **More outreach** – We want to partner with God so He can move through each of us as we interact with our neighbours, strangers, friends and coworkers. We pray we will all become more sensitive to God's promptings to engage in minute longer conversations, pray for three, and invite people to Sunday services or events in our church communities.
- ✓ **More delight** -- We believe we are about to experience new levels of intimacy, worship, rest and delight in our relationship with Jesus. We want to respond to His calling for inner healing, transformation, outreach, sacrifice, generosity and pursuing Him daily.

5. What does spiritual readiness (more scripture and prayer, more community, more outreach, etc.) have to do with expanding?

We are seeing growth in the number of new people coming every Sunday seeking help, hope and belonging. We will have a greater chance at impacting these lives for eternity if everybody in our church was deepening their spiritual walk – reading their Bible, praying, serving, reaching out to our communities and coming to worship consistently. We believe this would also cause a dramatic spike of overall church growth in alignment with our vision to give everybody an opportunity to have a personal relationship with Jesus and, by following Him, compassionately impact our world.

The opportunity for seekers, new attenders and new believers to have a true, authentic encounter with Jesus and a lasting relationship with Him will be greater if they were being welcomed into a community of true worship, and of spiritually mature believers who radically loves Jesus, each other and the world around them.

6. In what ways is the building missional? How does it advance our vision?

Our vision is to give everybody an opportunity to have a personal relationship with Jesus and, by following Him, compassionately impact our world. The expansion will provide:

More room for Sunday worship and teaching

The sanctuary expansion is all about creating more room for people across Central Alberta to have an encounter with Jesus. Visualize these seats filled with people from the furthest reaches of our communities in Central Alberta worshipping Jesus. We are also seeing more new Canadians coming to Red Deer and into the doors of our church. Translation booths will allow us to translate up to three different languages during a service.

Part of our journey to Get Ready is to deepen our prayer lives. We want to create a more accessible, suitable and inviting prayer space off the main foyer.

More opportunities for finding Christ-centred community

People will have a greater opportunity for lasting life change if they can find love and community that will provide them the belonging, discipleship and encouragement needed to grow deeper in their walk with God. We are expanding the foyer and providing additional café space so we can increase opportunities for people to meet, share and make better connections.

Additionally, we seek to make it easier for people to get involved. We are building a more accessible and prominent place for people to get connected with the communities and information they need to take that next step to do whatever God is calling them to do. Attended by team members, the new visitor centre will be located in the middle of the foyer.

More outreach to Central Alberta

Our meeting spaces are booked up all week long. They are a huge part of how we bless Central Alberta, and they open new possibilities for people to come into a church building who otherwise may never step into a church. Our existing spaces are often booked to capacity over the week. It is not uncommon to get multiple requests for use of the current chapel space at the same time.

We are adding more meeting spaces and an additional large multipurpose space for funerals, weddings and conferences. Additionally, a large, strategically located space will allow more discrete and suitable space for our Celebrate Recovery and Single Moms Ministries.

Finally, 10 per cent of all dollars contributed to the Get Ready, phase 4 expansion will go to like-minded organizations throughout central Alberta who are passionate about helping people find a personal relationship with Jesus.

7. Why are we expanding? Why now?

A) God is prompting us today

With a strong sense of anticipation for what God is doing in Central Alberta and calling us to do with Him, we took a step of faith and decided to move forward in faith. In October of 2018 our members voted to proceed with Phase 4 expansion projects. He has impressed it on our hearts that He is about to do something big in Central Alberta and we as a church need to prepare with a posture of readiness, spiritually, socially and physically with our building expansion.

B) God is using the brokenness of our society to create a harvest

Since the downturn, Central Alberta is seeing more brokenness in families and individuals. For example, Red Deer has the highest rates of domestic violence and divorce than anywhere else in Alberta/Canada. God uses seasons of helplessness, hopelessness and pain to call people back to himself. We are seeing more people arriving at our church desperate for answers. We sense God telling us that our church is about to increase in numbers as people seek help, hope and belonging.

C) God is bringing more people to Canada and Red Deer

We are seeing more people new to Canada coming to our church. Red Deer is a Tier 2 city for receiving refugees and new Canadians. With the world migration crises happening across Central America, Europe and the Middle East there are more people coming into Canada than ever before. This will start to impact Central Alberta even more. We need to Get Ready.

Canada will welcome nearly one million immigrants over the next three years, according to the multi-year strategy tabled in 2017 by the Liberal government in what it calls "the most ambitious immigration levels in recent history."

D) God is filling our church and we need more room.

Our sanctuary is at or near capacity during the 11 a.m. service. Our facility meeting spaces are near capacity over the course of the week making it challenging to be flexible with requests for meeting spaces, funerals, weddings and rehearsals. Our building is just one tool – one bridge – to reach our communities for Christ. We want to serve our communities better by creating more multiuse spaces.