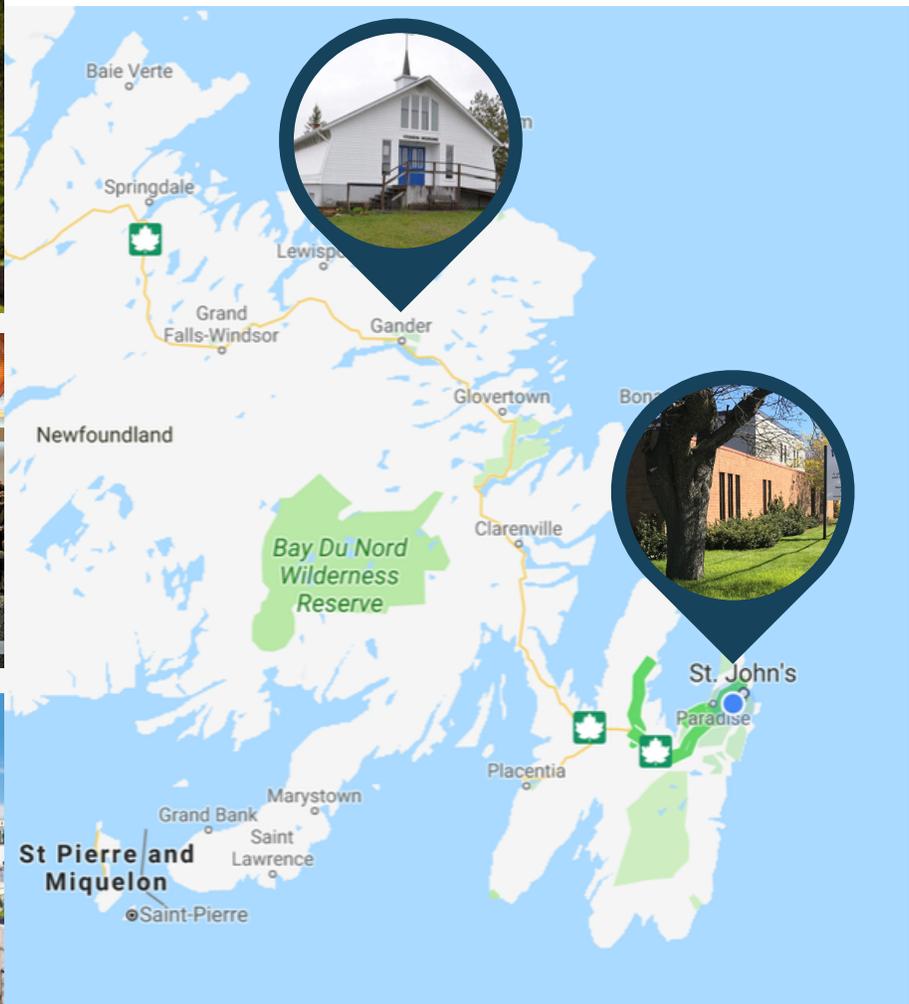


THE CROSSING CAMPAIGN

FUNDING A 5-YEAR VISION



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FROM THE PASTOR

Crossings take us from where we are to where we want to be. From crossing the street, to crossing the tickle, crossing means we're on the move! As a church, we are crossing into new territory. God is on the move leading us to this new multi-site, one church, different locations vision. He is calling us to join him where he is so obviously at work, and we have stepped out in faith and answered his call.

We are launching this campaign so that, with God's help and with both congregations invested, we can rebuild the once thriving ministry at our Gander site. We want God to lead us to the right Pastor who will help to create that environment both inside the church and out into the community, partnering with the Gander congregation to reach others with the Good News. We want to create an environment that will allow those who do not know Jesus to be introduced to him, putting their faith and trust in him, crossing into a new life filled with love and purpose.

Can you see it? I see in the future, a thriving church presence in this community like never before, inviting people to a church family where they feel like they belong. I believe both congregations are crossing into an exciting chapter in our history, and we get to be part of it! My prayer is that everyone who reads this brochure will be inspired and want to join in this opportunity to invest in building God's Kingdom here now, for the years to come, and indeed, for eternity.

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Connecting Our Name With Our Vision

In keeping with our new name, we are at a 'crossing', just as the Children of Israel stood on the banks of the Jordan River ready to step in faith to possess what God had promised for them. We have faith that He will provide the resources needed to fully launch this new ministry vision.

We are praying that God will call you to join us in this journey through your prayers and financial support. With this in mind we are launching "The Crossing Campaign" which is an opportunity to pledge your financial support for our new multi-site ministry vision.



Pastor Carolyn Steeves
Senior Pastor

IT'S SIMPLE

- Over three weeks you will prayerfully consider the most "radically generous" financial commitment that you can make to "The Crossing Campaign".
- Enclosed is a pledge card to be filled out and presented on Sunday, October 20th.
- Also, on October 20th, our 50th Anniversary Celebration Sunday, you will present your "First-Fruits" offering to signify the beginning of our campaign. This offering will be a part of your 5-year pledge commitment.
- Over the next 5 years, you will seek to fulfill your commitment. Some will choose to give to their pledge weekly, others will choose monthly or quarterly and some will prefer annually.

On Two Fronts

As we step forward in faith to embrace this multi-site ministry vision, we feel the challenge lies before us on two fronts: one is to upgrade and improve the Gander site facility, creating a family friendly environment. This requires significant renovations to the children's area downstairs and general improvements to the sanctuary. The renovations are almost complete and the facility looks wonderful. The other equal, if not more important step is to establish a full-time ministry staff presence by hiring the person God is already calling to serve at the Gander Site.

As we reach out to minister to the needs of Gander, we want to create excitement with a refreshed facility that says, "Things are happening here! Come and join us! This is a place where you can meet God, a place where you and your family can come and belong." As they come, our full-time onsite Pastor will be there too, whose primary focus will be relationship building, interpersonal pastoral support to the Gander Site congregation, initiating and overseeing the growth and development of new ministries of the church. We believe this will be a paradigm shift and a 'total game changer' for the ministry in Gander, as the focus will be reaching out to the community of Gander and growing the Kingdom.

WHAT IS GOD ASKING OF ME?

"The Crossing Campaign" will take place over 5 years or 260 weeks and our goal is to raise \$225,000.00. The campaign will begin with a "first fruits" offering that will be presented on October 20, 2019.

The project that we are about to undertake together is an exciting multi-site opportunity for our church that impacts two communities. It fosters an attitude of God-sized faith and an outward focus at our St John's site. When it is completed, we will have a refurbished facility in Gander and a dedicated Site Pastor to reach out and serve the community of Gander.

Obviously, a project like this does not come without incredible cost and sacrificial giving of time and money. Nothing that is worthwhile ever comes cheaply.

People give with joy when they give with love. They give cheerfully when they give to a vision they believe in, when they are committed to the vision, and when they believe that what they are giving to has value to them and to their family.

Will you join us? There are many ways for you to commit to the project. Some may commit to give their raise, bonus or tax refund for the next five years. Others may choose to give the income from one apartment from a rental property. Still others may delay a major project or purchase or donate the amount of a car, house or other payment once the item is paid off. While others may choose simply to tighten their belt and sacrificially give. Unsure of where it will come from, they are believing in God to meet their needs. Why? Because they believe in the vision and they believe in God.

Won't you prayerfully consider what God would have you pledge? With God's help and working together we will see the vision accomplished!

ANSWERING YOUR QUESTIONS

If you have any other questions, please contact Paul House at paul@thecrossingchurch.ca.

How does the "Crossing Campaign" work?

Each person/family is asked to prayerfully consider making a financial pledge that they will commit to over the next five years (260 weeks), our goal is \$225,000.00. This pledge should be *over and above* our normal weekly giving to the church. Our regular operational costs still continue.

Do I give toward my commitment weekly, monthly, quarterly, or annually?

You may give by whatever timetable best suits your circumstances. Your donations are tax deductible and you will receive a charitable tax receipt for the full amount of your donation.

What is meant by, "not equal giving but equal sacrifice"?

Each of us has a different ability to give because of the nature of our work, our circumstances and our earnings. Each family however is asked to consider making a pledge that is sacrificial given their own particular set of circumstances. God is more concerned about the sacrifice of our heart than the size of our gift. This sacrificial act on our part may cause an initial sacrifice of altering our lifestyles in order to make a special gift and obediently respond to what God is prompting us to do.

When and where do I get my commitment card?

Your "Crossing Campaign" pledge card is included in this brochure. If you would like another one or have misplaced yours, please contact our church office.

What is a "First-Fruits Offering"?

Our 50th Anniversary Sunday, October 20th, will be the first opportunity to give to "The Crossing Campaign". To kick off the campaign we are asking you to give as large a gift as you can to get us started. This is part of your 5-year pledged amount. From this point on you can continue to give weekly, monthly, annually, or whatever works best for your situation.

Will I be asked to make my commitment publicly?

No. Nor will your commitment be announced. Your gifts will receive the same confidentiality as your regular weekly giving.

When and where will I pass in my commitment card?

You will have your opportunity to present your commitment card on the 50th Anniversary Sunday, October 20, 2019. Don't miss that Sunday!

Will the church attempt to make me "pay up" if I should fall behind on my commitment?

No. Your commitment is between you and God.

Are there other sources of funding for this campaign?

Yes. We are contacting all those who have a past connection to both churches inviting them to participate in connection with our 50th Anniversary. Our denomination (CBAC) has committed to \$15,000.00 toward the salary of the site pastor. The Atlantic Baptist Foundation has given us a grant of \$20,000.00

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