



Parish House Fundraising Packet
2023

Thank you for your interest in financially partnering with us in the Parish House. We're excited to enter the next phase of implementing the Parish House.

The Parish House experiment is simply a desire to move a missionary into the Newmarket Height's neighbourhood. This missionary will work as part of the staff for the Newmarket Church of Christ, while building upon the friendships and ministry that span nearly two decades within the neighbourhood surrounding the church property.

We've worked hard in developing trust and implementing various ministries that serve residents of Newmarket Height's neighbourhood and we're excited to see how the Parish House will further the friendships and ministries we've established.



Food Boxes, 2020-2023



When COVID shut down our society in March 2020, the church, volunteers from Maple Leaf Public School and individuals living in Newmarket Height's, gathered together on a zoom call and asked how the pandemic would affect families. We learned food security would be a significant challenge. Through multiple partnerships, we have been able to provide, on average, 60 families a box of food per month since May 2020.

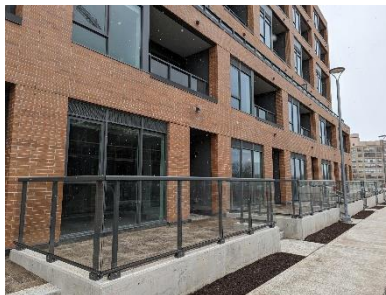
How It All Started

Have you heard the story about a truck rolling down the hill, through the fence that borders the church property and the condominium and into the drainage ditch? Through this unfortunate accident, we discovered who the church's neighbours were/are. Shortly after this event, we joined several churches in Ontario and Michigan in *Partnership for Missional Churches (PMC)*. PMC is a three-year journey which invites churches to join in the work God is already doing. Over the three years, PMC helped us discover our neighbours, experiment with mission, and focused our attention on how to embody God's in-breaking kingdom.

Through our PMC journey, Luke 10:1-12 became a defining text for us. In this text, Jesus . . .

- Sends out disciples to all the places where he himself intends to go
- Those sent are to pray for co-laborers, while doing the work of the kingdom
- Those sent eat, drink, heal and announce the nearness of God's kingdom
- We discover "people of peace"
- We discover people who welcome us
- We stay wherever we are offered the gift of hospitality

Our journey through PMC gave us a new set of eyes to see the neighbourhood, helped us see our neighbours as partners in the mission of God and not simply as potential "converts" of the gospel, a theological foundation for ministry, provided an avenue of conversation for re-development of the church property and much more. PMC helped us understand that we are "sent" to this specific neighbourhood. PMC helped lead us to the vision of a Parish House.



Co-laborers And/Or Harvest?

At the end of April 2023, the 2nd of 4 high rise apartment buildings located beside the church property will be completed and individuals and families will move into their new homes. Our journey through PMC gives us language and a vision to see our new neighbours. PMC helps us ask questions about our neighbours.

1. In what ways are the new neighbours potential partners in the on-going kingdom work we are engaged in?
2. In what ways might our new neighbours be the harvest we are called to work in? And what kind of harvest is being harvested?

Business Concept of the Parish House

The business concept of the Parish House is as follows:

- We are looking to fund mission work
- Instead of funding a missionary overseas, Parish House calls to plant a missionary in the Newmarket Height's neighbourhood (directly across the street from the church building)
- We believe this will accomplish several things –
 - ✓ It will give the Newmarket Church of Christ growth opportunities
 - ✓ Builds upon the work we've been doing in the community for nearly two decades
 - ✓ Will add a second paid employee (the missionary) to the Newmarket Church of Christ
 - ✓ Allows for us to focus, both on the neighbourhood and the spiritual growth of the congregation

Definition of the Neighbourhood

The neighbourhood being considered under the Parish House is much more than the Newmarket Height's neighbourhood. The family who moves into the Parish House will become the conduit for the congregation to engage the neighbourhood around us:

- The adjacent communities (the condominiums and apartment communities directly east and west of the church property)
- The donor communities that come together to help execute the vision of the Parish House
 - ✓ The Town of Newmarket and York Region
 - ✓ Local churches who want to participate
 - ✓ Local schools and service clubs which contribute to the work
 - ✓ The churches and private donors across the continent who want to contribute to the success of the Parish House initiative in Newmarket, both to help the Newmarket Heights community, and to learn from the Newmarket Church of Christ experience so they can learn alongside us of what it means to be a "neighbourhood church"



Housing Demographics of the Neighbourhood

The neighbourhood in which the Parish House minister will serve is the Newmarket Height's subdivision and the high-rise condominiums and apartments east and west of the church property.

Directly West of the church Property

- ✓ 212 Davis is a 225-unit apartment building
 - Predominately seniors reside in this building
- ✓ Bakerfield Apartments is a 219-unit apartment building (pre-construction, move-in Spring 2023)
- ✓ Davis Condo's is a 218-unit condo building (pre-construction, move-in 2024)
- ✓ A third building is currently being constructed (pre-construction)

Directly East of the Church Property

- ✓ 250 Davis is a 10 storey condominium
- ✓ 260 Davis is a 10 storey condominium
- ✓ 270 Davis is a 10 storey condominium
 - In all three of the above buildings, predominately seniors reside. However, younger families are starting to move into these condominium units
- ✓ 280 Davis is a 12 storey geared to income housing complex
- ✓ Two additional small apartment buildings are at the corner of Lorne & Davis

Newmarket Height's Neighbourhood

- ✓ Approximately 500 homes
- ✓ Half of these homes are double occupancy (meaning rental apartments in basement and upstairs).
- ✓ Predominately multi-generational families live in this neighbourhood, with an increasing number of new immigrants calling this neighbourhood home

In Pairs (Luke 10:1-12)

In Luke 10:1-12, Jesus says, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few, therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers." Immediately after this, Jesus sends the disciples out in "pairs." For nearly two decades, the Newmarket Church of Christ has had one person on staff. Though we have a strong volunteer base for work in the neighbourhood, we are reaching a crucial stage to have a designated Parish House minister—one who can build upon the work we've been engaged in.

Just as we cannot assume the executive of a growing corporation cannot fulfill all the required jobs, one person on staff cannot fulfill the work we are leaning into as a congregation. We are leaning deeply into the neighbourhood and a designated individual is needed to build and strengthen the foundation that we've spent nearly two decades developing.

Funding Requirements of the Parish House¹

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
People Costs	46,200	46,506	46,821	139,527
Rental Property Costs	45,000	46,350	47,740	139,090
Ongoing program costs	25,000	25,750	26,523	77,273
Program startup costs	42,500			42,500
Total	158,700	118,606	121,084	398,390

We recognize that the Parish House is a significant financial investment in the life of the Newmarket Church of Christ. While we have lived and worked towards this vision for several years, we have been able to announce that we have nearly 25% of our financial goals realized.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
Parish House Donations (in the bank)	48,432			48,432.00
Neighbourhood Fund Donations (in the bank)	37,832			37,832.00
Mission Funds Available (future years are estimates)	10,000	10,000	10,000	30,000.00

¹ These financial numbers are based upon 2022 analysis.

To further breakdown the financial requirements, the following is presented.

People Costs

	Dollars
Missionary salary (monthly, based on \$48,000/yr.)	3,000.00
Employer-Paid premiums (monthly)	200.00
Reimbursable education (based on \$2,400/yr.)	200.00
Reimbursable expenses (based on \$2,400/yr.)	200.00
Benefits Plan (Monthly)	250.00
Total Annual Costs	46,200.00

Rental Property Costs

	Dollars
Rent (monthly)	2800.00
Heat, Hydro, Water, Phone (monthly)	600.00
Insurance (monthly)	150.00
Cell phone/internet plan (monthly)	200.00
Total Annual Costs	45,000.00

Ongoing Program Costs

	Dollars
Annual Stakeholders Meeting and Event in Newmarket	5,000.00
Annual travel to the major fundraisers	20,000.00
Total Annual Costs	25,000.00

Program Start-Up Costs

	Dollars
Cost of church incorporation	10,000
Parish House Building Enhancement (anything from some furniture to a lawnmower, etc.)	2,500
Missionary interview process	3,000
Laptop, monitor, keyboard	2,000
Initial fundraising trips	25,000
Total Start-Up Costs	42,500.00

Note: The budget includes a 25% contingency buffer for “people costs” as well as the assumption of a 3% YoY inflationary growth for all non-salary items.

Thank You

This is missionary work in a North American setting where the Parish House is applicable to the context of “your” congregation. Our plan is to host a yearly “come and see” event where we will engage church leaders in discussion around being the church in a new cultural context. The Parish House will be the “testing ground” and beginning point for our conversations. The Parish House concept can help other local congregations rethink its place within its own neighbourhood and help lay a healthy theological and biblical concept of the church so that each local church can continue to imagine how to live faithfully into God’s on-going redemptive work.

New contexts require us to explore new ways of being the church. The Parish House concept is one way of helping the church live faithfully into the new contexts in which we are finding ourselves. By financially partnering with us, we can continue the work we are engaged in, while also help navigate new trajectories for the church to live faithfully into new cultural contexts unfolding.

Thank you for your consideration in this endeavor,

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