



RENEW

renewing people & places

*Our gospel-shaped vision for 2020
& two-year financial campaign
for the long-term renewal in our city*

GREENLANE

CHRISTIAN CENTRE

“THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN
IS LIKE A MUSTARD SEED PLANTED
IN A FIELD. IT IS THE SMALLEST OF
ALL SEEDS, BUT IT BECOMES THE
LARGEST OF GARDEN PLANTS;
IT GROWS INTO A TREE, AND BIRDS
COME AND MAKE NESTS IN ITS BRANCHES.”

MATTHEW 13:31-32 (NLT)



OUR HOPE, OUR CITY

Greenlane Christian Centre began in 1981 when a gospel seed was planted with a group of people gathered in a garage. That seed has grown into a church that has provided a home and new life for thousands.

Since then, the needs of our city have increased. There are people and places that have little contact with the gospel. With our current growth, we may well be a church of 6,000 with 2,000 in weekly attendance by 2020. If prepared, such growth will bring significant opportunities. Gospel seeds again need to be planted.

The gospel changes everything. It renews people. It renews places. It's the heart of all we do at Greenlane Christian Centre. As we embody the gospel in the way we live and work, we will see our city flourish.

So between now and the end of 2020, we are focusing on three areas:

1. Sowing seeds in new fields that have very little contact with the hope of Jesus
2. An expanded gospel centre that provides better spaces for us to connect with God, each other and our searching guests
3. And You. You are the Leader. The neighbour. The carer. The culture maker. Who you are, how you relate to others, do your work, what you make and create... that proclaims, points and partners with the gospel. We are a church of gospel-shaped leaders and carriers

This RENEW Campaign provides an opportunity for God to grow his work in us and through us so that new life and new hope will grow for future generations.



Gospel-shaped Leaders

Imagine... seeing new leaders arising in every area of life – gospel-shaped leaders that serve our city in every sphere: through ministry, business, the arts, medicine, education, politics and every other place where people shape our culture.

By the end of 2020, our goal is to:

- Develop a leadership pipeline to produce 600 active leaders
- Commission 12 regional (geographically focused areas around Auckland) and ethnic (e.g. Burmese, Chinese, Filipino, Indian, Iranian, Japanese, Korean, Maori, Pacifica, Russian, Spanish, Sri Lankan) pastoral leaders (full time, part time and volunteer)
- Train 100 young adult leaders through ministry service and internships
- Begin a ‘faith at work’ network to nurture an understanding of work as vocational calling
- Equip university students for workplace mission
- Establish a regular podcast providing robust gospel reflection on leadership, culture and work

Estimated Cost: \$110,000

A Community of Gospel Carriers

Imagine... our church being known for the way it fosters the common good throughout our city, being a catalyst for friendship, rolling up our sleeves and advocating for mercy & justice, service, beauty & hope.

By the end of 2020, our goal is to:

- Baptise at least 500 people
- Have at least half of our church participating in an external cause each quarter via a network of community partnerships around our city
- Establish a clear, next step process for new believers with mentors and resources supporting the first steps of faith
- Deepen our discipleship pathways for lifelong learning and to equip people of all ages to understand and embrace their personal and daily-lived gospel calling
- Provide resources to nurture lifelong learning in biblical, theological, cultural and life issues
- Establish a faith pathway providing resources for celebrating age-appropriate faith milestones suitable for children and students
- Increase our individual and corporate evangelism with monthly outreach encouragement
- Develop a community hub responding to specific regional needs located outside of our church location

Estimated Cost: \$55,000



Disability

Imagine... embodying the gospel to those intellectually and physically disabled, providing the peace of Jesus to exhausted caregivers, enhancing our joy and awareness of God through these newly developed relationships among us.

By the end of 2020, our goal is to:

- Begin a weekly outreach event for the intellectually disabled
- Establish a disabled-friendly church service
- Develop a chaplaincy service for the intellectually disabled and their caregivers

Estimated Cost: \$65,000

Greenlane Care & CAP

Imagine... people in our city knowing we are here for professional and empowering help, and resourcing for a hopeful future. As we “bear with one another”, mental anguish and debt no longer has to be hidden, carried alone or accepted.

By the end of 2020, our goal is to:

- Establish a Greenlane Care practice in close proximity to the church
- Subsidise funding for those in need of professional counseling
- Provide assistance for Christians Against Poverty (CAP)

Estimated Cost: \$50,000

Youth Workers in Schools

Imagine... partnering with secondary and intermediate schools to encourage and mentor a good, healthy and hopeful next generation of Aucklanders.

By the end of 2020, our goal is to:

- Have six Christian Youth Workers serving in two local schools (one high school and one intermediate)

Estimated Cost: \$40,000

(with remainder of costs coming from fundraising via Greenlane Youth Trust)

Church Plants in PNG

Imagine... planting 50 new churches in Papua New Guinea.

We will continue generous investment in global missions from our operational budget. Last year, we gave \$215,318 which included our missions partners and special projects. Of that amount, we give \$60,000 annually towards PNG. Through RENEW, we will increase this amount to fund needed growth of the PNG Bible College faculty, seeking to develop pastors to plant 50 new churches.

Estimated Cost: \$43,000

Communication & Media Ministry

Imagine... a communication ministry that extends our gospel reach to a much larger "congregation" via media and communication technologies, providing hope, new life and spiritual information in a form that people can access when they want it, where they want it and how they interact with it best. We live, work and learn in a very media-centric society. This makes effective communication through media critical in dynamically presenting the gospel.

By the end of 2020, our goal is to:

- Effectively communicate and connect people to the church community's life and mission
- Extend our weekly congregation through regular and multiple media technologies
- Present Greenlane's story, unique purpose and identity through as many channels of communication as possible
- Enhance our worship experience through weekly creative and media-rich environments
- Be a resource-generating church through video sermon series, devotionals, ministry training, study guides, and accompanying books
- Equip and support a communication team of video producers, editors, writers & social media ministries

Estimated Cost: \$62,500



An Expanded Gospel-Centred Campus

Imagine... Having a church facility where we can connect people with God, each other and our searching guests. A renewed building that reflects the authenticity and intentionality of our gospel message with interior spaces that provide uplifting experiences and meaningfully enhances worship.

The commercial development of Kimberly Trust land means we need to replace and rethink current spaces including the Zone and the Net for our new generation ministries.

By the end of 2020, our goal is to:

- Expand our facility to connect with and reflect a wider range of people
- Provide 200 additional carparks for use on weekends (at the completion of the future Kimberley Trust development)
- Build a new south wing for weekend new generation spaces and weekly classes (English classes, seminars, etc.)
- Do an exterior makeover to improve the condition and appearance of our premises
- Redesign and purpose theme some current upstairs spaces for new generations
- Update failing air conditioning units and roof repairs

- Update bathrooms, cafe and upstairs areas
- Make our building more friendly for people with disabilities including providing a lift and additional disability/parent bathrooms
- Replace aging technical equipment
- Provide a BBQ and playground on the grass strip on the north side of the building, along with access to the new site of the daycare centre for Knee High Army (which is planned for removal to the back of 27 Marewa Road)
- Provide a shuttle bus service to pick people up from the train station and other strategic locations (e.g. university hostels, rest homes)
- Design and plan an auditorium seating 1,200 people, to provide for anticipated growth, to be under construction in 2020 with our current site retained and re-designed with purpose built spaces for youth and children, offices, ESOL and community orientated ministries

Estimated Cost: \$2,224,300

Kimberly Trust will provide \$1,400,000 of this amount for the southern wing and the use of 200 additional carparks for use on weekends at their future commercial development. This leaves the remaining cost for this part at \$824,300

Retiring Debt/Building Reserves

Imagine... stepping into God's preferred future for us with our people and resources available to invest and join in His mission for us. As we continue to pray and obey together, we want to do whatever God asks of us, whenever he asks.

By end of 2017 our goal is to:

- Retire debt of \$200,000 from expenses over past years
- Build reserves of \$100,000 to ensure our ministries are funded from a good foundation

TOTAL

The total amount of this 2020 Vision is \$2,950,000. The good news is that we already have commitments of \$1,450,000, leaving a campaign goal of **\$1,500,000**.

Maximising This Opportunity

Throughout August every one of us will be asked to consider how we can invest ourselves more deeply in this gospel vision. This will entail prayer... serious, intentional prayer. And giving of our personal resources. It's an opportunity for God to grow his kingdom purpose in us and through us.

SUNDAYS & DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Each Sunday we will look at one of the factors necessary for kingdom seeds to grow and sprout and grow strong, in order to bring nourishment and life to others.

7 August / The Foundation Factor

14 August / The Love Factor

21 August / The Sacrifice Factor

28 August / The Faith Factor (Commitment Sunday)

In addition, the daily devotion will enable further reflection for each workday during this series. Please consider discussing this further with your family, flatmates, small group and friends.

GROUPS

All of our groups will explore the topic from the previous Sunday. This will be a good opportunity for people to join a group – even just for this month. Pastors Jonathan and Brian will also be meeting with each of our small groups during August to share about the future and respond to any questions.

Q & A'S

Any questions? Come along to one of these gatherings below:

Wednesday 10 August / 7 – 9 pm

Second Wednesday Prayer / along with Q&A (dinner afterwards)

Monday 15 August / 10 – 11.30 am in Church Cafe

If you want to meet with Jonathan or Brian to find out more information in order to help you make a decision about your contribution, get in contact with debbi.baxter@gcc.org.nz. Please consider discussing this further with your family, flatmates, small group and friends.

PRAYER

Our campaign will be soaked in prayer, in our homes, flats, and small groups. In addition:

- Each devotional invites us to pray with a specific focus in mind
- Our Second Wednesday Prayer event in August will provide prayer and listening to what God is saying to us all during this time

For information about additional prayer gatherings, visit www.gcc.org.nz

“THEY BEGGED US AGAIN AND AGAIN FOR THE
PRIVILEGE OF SHARING IN THE GIFT FOR THE
BELIEVERS IN JERUSALEM.

THEY EVEN DID MORE THAN WE HAD HOPED,
FOR THEIR FIRST ACTION WAS TO GIVE
THEMSELVES TO THE LORD AND TO US, JUST
AS GOD WANTED THEM TO DO.”

2 CORINTHIANS 8:4-5 (NIV)



PREPARING FOR THE HARVEST

EQUAL SACRIFICE, NOT EQUAL GIVING

We cannot all give the same amount, but we can all give an equal sacrifice. King David declared, “I will not sacrifice to the Lord my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing.” (2 Samuel 24:24). David understood that if the gift is to touch the heart of God, it must first touch the heart of the giver!

GIFTING YOUR IRD REBATE:

Our NZ taxation policy allows for a tax rebate of 33% (to a maximum of income tax you have paid) on giving to registered charities. So, any money you give to our church operational fund and any extra you give for RENEW will qualify for the tax rebate. This effectively provides an opportunity to give 33% more than what you may have thought you could do. And, you get a rebate on top of a rebate.

For example, say your current giving is \$6,000. If you commit to gifting your IRD donation rebates from your current giving, and provide a one-off extra gift of \$1,000 in 2016, the total RENEW gift you could make over two years is \$6,110! A student who commits to gifting his/her IRD donation from their current giving of \$500 annually to the general offering plus an additional gift of \$100, can gift \$533 to RENEW. Simply doing that provides this additional gift to RENEW while you maintain your current giving practice.

	GENERAL OFFERING	GIFT IRD REBATE	EXTRA GIFT TO RENEW
2016	\$6,000 annual	–	\$1,000 additional gift
2017	\$6,000 annual	\$2,333	–
2018	\$6,000 annual	\$2,777*	–

* this is based on an IRD rebate of \$2,000 (from giving to general offering in 2018) and an additional \$777 (from the IRD rebate received from gifting the 2017 rebate). TOTAL RENEW GIFT: \$6,110

Creative Ways to Give

REDIRECTING PRESENT EXPENDITURES

As you think about your financial commitment, think of not just your potential to give right now, but also of your potential to give in the future. Often, families have significant short term expenditures for special needs. A commitment that finishes in a few months or year, may free up cash which could then be directed to this project during its second year.

SACRIFICE YOUR EXTRA TIME

Perhaps you are able to take a part-time job with some extra time you have and use this to give more to the church. This is especially true for families whose children are grown up or are living away from home, and for semi-retired couples.

SELL AN ASSET

Our assets can be turned into cash. In the early years of the Christian movement, Christians like Barnabas sold extra property and donated it to the needs of the church. Why not run your own garage sale or make a TradeMe sale?

GIVING FROM EXCESS

Perhaps you have been saving money for a major purchase, such as a second home or a big holiday, that upon reflection, could wait awhile.

LEAVE A LEGACY FOR THE FUTURE

Make provision for God in your will and estate planning. Having a conversation with a trained professional who understands estate planning will help establish a plan that prioritises God with your possessions.

A ONE-OFF GIFT OR ONGOING DONATIONS

You can make a one-off gift from any of the above, or consider an ongoing donation over the next two years (via a new Automatic Payment). Certainly, a regular amount enables a sizeable gift to develop over two years.

WEEKLY AMOUNT	MONTHLY AMOUNT	AMOUNT OVER 2 YEARS
\$1,000	\$4,333	\$104,000
\$500	\$2,167	\$52,000
\$350	\$1,517	\$36,400
\$200	\$867	\$20,800
\$150	\$650	\$15,600
\$100	\$433	\$10,400
\$75	\$325	\$7,800
\$50	\$217	\$5,200
\$25	\$108	\$2,600
\$20	\$87	\$2,080
\$10	\$43	\$1,040

Managing Your Own Personal Debt

Here are 10 proven ways to help you erase your own personal debt, to help you find the money you'd like to give to RENEW:

1. Compare car, home and life insurance to see if you can bring down your payments
2. Downgrade your SKY package or get rid of it entirely
3. Disconnect your home phone if you have adequate cell service at your home or downgrade to a cheaper package
4. Try to buy mostly sale items or generic brands at the supermarket to reduce your costs
5. Review current expenses like magazine subscriptions, newspapers, manicures, gym memberships etc
6. Find friends that you can trade services with... haircutting, handyman, photography, babysitting, pet-sitting
7. Give home-made gifts, baked goods or service IOU's rather than expensive presents
8. Set a spending limit with family at Christmas and/or draw names
9. If your haircut is too expensive, find a less expensive stylist or see if your hairdresser will cut you a break on price temporarily
10. Pack your lunch — not once a week but regularly

How Do I Determine the Amount?

PRAY

Pray individually and, if you are married, pray as a couple. Ask God to individually place on your heart an amount to give.

ASK

Ask yourself what amount of money you desire to give, an amount which you believe God could provide for you to give.

REFLECT

Give yourself a few days to consider this amount; now ask yourself:

- Am I joyous about this amount?
- Is my gift sacrificial? What will I give up to enable this amount?
- Is this amount an expression of my faith in God?
- Am I convinced that I can give this amount with the motivation of worshipping God, and an attitude of thankfulness?

If you cannot answer “Yes” to all four questions, continue to pray and ask until you’re comfortable with your answers.

DISCUSS

If you are married, get together with your spouse and share the gift amounts you think God has laid on your heart. It's likely that you will have decided on different amounts. If so, continue to pray, ask and reflect. If you're not able to reach agreement after going through this a few times, choose the lower sum as your gift.

PLEDGE

Once you reach an agreement on your gift amount, complete the Pledge Card and bring it along on the last Sunday of August.

“AND WORK FOR THE
PEACE & PROSPERITY
OF THE CITY WHERE
I SENT YOU INTO EXILE.
PRAY TO THE LORD FOR
IT, FOR ITS WELFARE
WILL DETERMINE
YOUR WELFARE.”

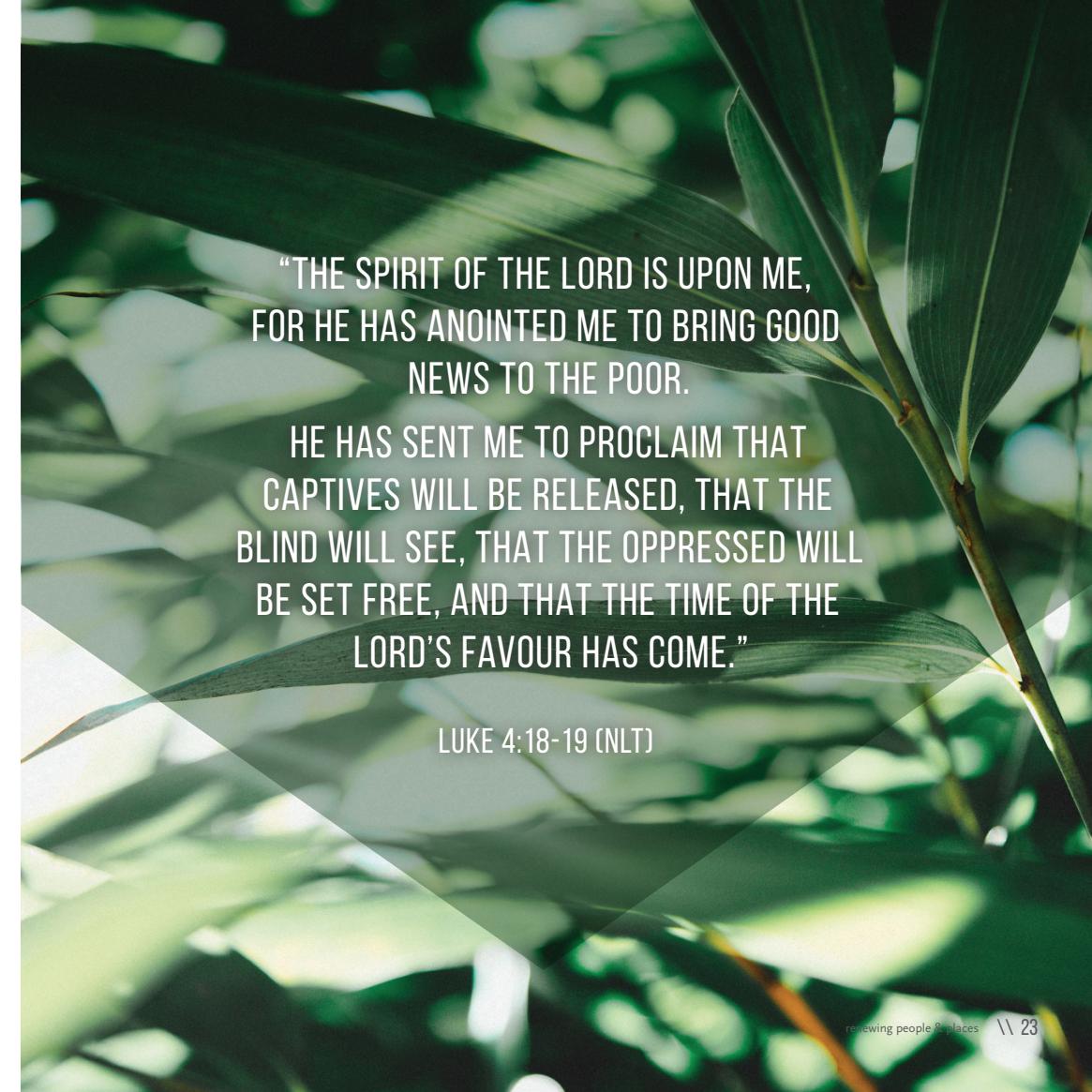
JEREMIAH 29:7

Giving to RENEW

Giving to RENEW needs to be in addition to regular giving so that our existing ministries do not suffer. We cannot afford for our general operating budget to take a financial hit because people just redirect their current giving to this project. We want our ministries and mission endeavours to flourish.

The RENEW campaign will run for two years with giving concluded by 31 August 2018. All gifts to the project will be eligible for an IRD rebate of 33% (to a maximum of income tax you have paid).

There are a variety of ways to give. You can set up an automatic payment payable to a special RENEW Account: 12-3110-0090469-02. In addition, there is Pushpay (via our church app), credit card, EFTPOS, giving envelope for cash and cheques. In each situation, please specify 'RENEW' in the reference field (or on existing giving envelopes include in the 'Designated' line or specify as 'RENEW'). This will avoid confusion with regular tithes and offerings.



"THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME,
FOR HE HAS ANOINTED ME TO BRING GOOD
NEWS TO THE POOR.

HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM THAT
CAPTIVES WILL BE RELEASED, THAT THE
BLIND WILL SEE, THAT THE OPPRESSED WILL
BE SET FREE, AND THAT THE TIME OF THE
LORD'S FAVOUR HAS COME."

LUKE 4:18-19 (NLT)

Questions & Answers

WHAT IF MY INCOME CHANGES?

This commitment should be based on your present situation and God's direction. You can revise your commitment at any time during the two-year period by contacting the church office.

WHAT IF THE PLEDGE GOAL IS SUPERSEDED OR NOT MET?

We will celebrate and give God thanks for what is provided either way. If the campaign goal is not met, we will prayerfully prioritise spending around the goals we sense are most crucial. If superseded, we will use the funds as seed money for future visionary projects including the new auditorium.

WILL I BE ASKED TO MAKE MY COMMITMENT PUBLIC?

No, your contribution is made on the pledge card and is ultimately between you and God.

IS THE TARGET ACHIEVABLE?

Obviously, it depends on how we all get involved. By way of example, if everyone chose to simply gift their tax rebates from our current operational giving, the amount from the pledges (from two years) would be close to the amount of the RENEW goal.

WHY IS MAINTENANCE ON THE CURRENT SITE NEEDED IF WE ARE PLANNING ON A FUTURE AUDITORIUM?

We want to be good stewards of maintaining our current resources and ensure they are the best they can be into the future. In the future, the current site would still be used for children and families, community ministries, connection spaces and our church offices.



WHY IS THERE A DIFFERENT BANK ACCOUNT FOR THIS CAMPAIGN?

Financial commitments to RENEW are different to our operational/general offerings. A separate account helps provide transparency around the different purposes of both accounts. Giving for RENEW will not be used for ongoing operational costs.

HOW WILL NEW MINISTRIES BE FUNDED IN THE FUTURE?

Seed money enables new ministries to commence and new people to know Jesus and grow in their faith. Some of these ministries will be able to be sustained by such things as community grants. Others will be able to be funded through future operational giving due to expected increase in attendance and giving.

WHAT IS THE IRD REBATE?

NZ taxation policy allows for a tax rebate of 33% (to a maximum of income tax you have paid) on giving to registered charities. Contact Inland Revenue Department for more details.

IS IT POSSIBLE TO DESIGNATE MY GIFT TO SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF THIS VISION?

Some people love brick and mortar. Others are more passionate to see new ministries begin. Others have a leaning towards mission. RENEW launches us forward in all these areas. Each of them plays a part of our gospel mission to renew people and places. As such, giving is made to the whole project.

Notes

“WHEN JESUS SAW THE CROWDS,
HE HAD COMPASSION ON THEM BECAUSE
THEY WERE CONFUSED AND HELPLESS,
LIKE SHEEP WITHOUT A SHEPHERD.
HE SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES, ‘THE HARVEST IS
GREAT, BUT THE WORKERS ARE FEW.
SO PRAY TO THE LORD WHO IS IN CHARGE
OF THE HARVEST; ASK HIM TO SEND MORE
WORKERS INTO HIS FIELDS.’”

MATTHEW 9:35-37



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