

An example of this is our worship ministry. By bringing Pastor Wladimir on staff as our Worship Leader, we are freeing him up to not only focus on the needs of MVC but to also develop worship teams and training forums for our daughter churches. For example, our worship ministry has been providing worship leaders for our daughter church in Windsor for most of this last year. The same is true in the arena of Administration as we try to develop transferable processes that can be leveraged by other church plants. In this way, each daughter church does not have to "reinvent the wheel." As we grow we will be able to more effectively support a movement of churches.

I LOVE OUR BUILDING! AM I GOING TO LIKE THE NEW ONE?

The design for the new facility was centered, in large part, on our existing facility. Many of the components (such as the family center and the sanctuary) were designed to mimic the feel of our existing facility. At the same time, the facility was designed to be more efficient and to function more effectively for its various uses. It is important to note that because cost is a major consideration, not all aspects of the aesthetics of our current building will be able to be replicated.

WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED COST FOR THE NEW FACILITY?

We have worked closely with our architect (Vaught Frye) and our Contractor (Delta Construction) to estimate the various costs associated with constructing this new facility. The cost for constructing the new building is estimated at roughly \$3.2 million. We will have an additional \$1 million in costs for design fees, building permits, City fees, furniture, sound equipment, phone and IT, etc. This brings the total cost to a little over \$4 million.

WHY ARE WE SPENDING SO MUCH ON A NEW FACILITY? CAN'T WE MINIMIZE THAT BY BEING LESS EXTRAVAGANT?

The design for the new facility was a process that involved roughly 20 people. This group consisted of ministry leaders and those who have input on the practical as well as aesthetic functions of our current facility. The building was designed with the following needs / principles in mind:

- Desire to seat roughly 450 people for worship
- Provide enough "support" space (children's classrooms, nurseries, other classrooms and spaces) in the building to support the sanctuary size
- Add office and administrative space which we don't currently have
- Balance cost with function and carefully evaluate what we perceive as "needs"

Cost, functionality and aesthetics were all taken into consideration during the design process. A slightly cheaper facility could possibly be built but it would lack functionality and aesthetics with only minimal savings in return. A more expensive building could be built to further enhance the aesthetics but it would be hard to justify the extra money in light of our desire to invest in other needs like church planting. We believe the current design is a good balance between the two.

WHEN WILL WE START BUILDING THIS NEW FACILITY?

We are currently in the PDP review process with the City of Fort Collins. We anticipate being through this process and being positioned to receive our building permit as early as April 2008. The main factor regarding the timing of this project is our finances. We continue to receive the pledges that people made during Base Camp. We are roughly half of the way through the 3-yr Base Camp time period, and have received just under 50% of the pledges to date. We are in the pre-approval process with lending institutions to determine how much money we can and feel comfortable borrowing. We also currently have our existing facility listed for sale. We are engaged in dialogue with a few other churches concerning their interest in this building. We are asking the Lord for abundant provision to be able to move forward in the coming months, but we gladly rest in His timing. The way He chooses to bring together all of these pieces will determine whether we can start construction in the spring of 2008.

WHO'S GOING TO CLEAN THIS NEW FACILITY? HOW ARE WE GOING TO TAKE CARE OF IT?

You may be saying to yourself "Our flock can barely clean the building we have now, are we going to have to clean the new facility which is 3 times larger?!" This is a good question! We recognize that there are increased expenses that go along with simply managing a new facility. We are taking the increase in utilities and maintenance costs into consideration as we plan. As far as cleaning, we don't know exactly how that will be handled. By having our flocks involved in cleaning our current facility, it saves us money and creates a sense of ownership for many people in our church body. This would be a positive thing to carry-on in the new facility in some way, although they wouldn't be able to handle the entire load.

IN THE PLANS FOR THE NEW BUILDING I SAW AN AREA LABELED "Potential Future Expansion" WHAT IS THIS?

Although we do not foresee making the sanctuary or family center bigger, we are leaving the door open for a future expansion of support spaces if necessary (i.e. addition of a youth/college room, more support classrooms, more offices, etc). The architect designed the facility with this possibility in mind, which will make it easier to accomplish if necessary in the future.

OTHER QUESTIONS?

Do you have other questions? Please feel free to approach one of the pastors, your flock leader, or anyone on the building team to dialogue further. We welcome your input and greatly appreciate your partnership and prayers as we move forward together.



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*About Constructing a New Facility
for Mountain View Community Church*

"Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it; unless the Lord guards the city, the watchmen keeps awake in vain." Psalm 127:1

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INTRODUCTION

The process of moving our church family toward a new facility has been a joyous journey. Over the last few years, we have spent quite a bit of time praying, dreaming, clarifying and then communicating the vision He has laid before us. As a church, we have also spent a lot of time asking questions. In this brochure, we hope you can find answers to some of the most common questions that have surfaced throughout this process. Let's continue to seek the Lord, His guidance and wisdom as we walk this road together. A new building is just one piece within the big picture of all He is doing in our midst ~ Psalm 127:1 ~

ARE WE TRYING TO GROW REAL BIG or BECOME A "mega-church"?

We have articulated our desire to reach a larger critical mass of people and resources to more effectively develop and resource a growing church planting movement (see brochure called "Why a New Facility?"). It is important to state again that our goal as a church is not to grow large. If our main desire was to grow the size of the church body, our ministry philosophy would be much different than it is now. We believe our calling is to glorify God, be faithful to His word, and reach out to the lost with the Gospel. Mountain View has continually been growing since it was birthed nearly 15 years ago. There is an understandable concern that arises in people's hearts as a church grows. Growth typically means change, and we don't necessarily want things to change in our church. Mountain View has had several phases of growth since its inception. Some of the people in our church family were around back at the beginning, when there were 100 people meeting in the gym at Weber Junior High School, and have seen MVC go through many stages of growth.

Growth, in and of itself, is a good thing. A healthy church is a growing church. As a church, we experience two kinds of growth. The most exciting kind of growth is due to people becoming followers of Jesus and coming into the family of God. This is what we are here for (Matt. 28:18-20)! The other kind of growth is when Christians come to MVC because their hearts resonate with what makes us distinct as a church and they want to join us in the mission of reaching out to those who don't yet know Jesus. We have always tried to limit growth from the shuffle of Christians from one church to the next by being up-front about who we are. Mountain View is not a church for everyone. We have a certain DNA and hold to certain biblical distinctives. In the past, as we have moved from one stage to the next through seasons of growth, we have fought hard to make sure we don't change who we are. In fact, those seasons of transition have presented great opportunities to clearly define and reiterate who we are. We are not seeking to be a mega-church. With an increase in size and resources we feel we will be able to be more effective in carrying out the vision the Lord has given us. With this in mind, a valid concern may be expressed in the form of the following question; "How big is big enough?"



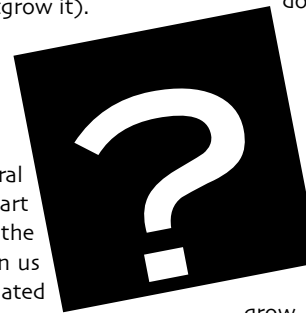
It is important to recognize Jesus is the head of MVC. We will always be in the process of seeking God for His direction. We will constantly be asking the question, "Lord, what are You doing and how do You want us to respond?" There is not a desire on the hearts of the Leaders to be a mega-church. We have even taken steps in the design of the new church facility to not just keep growing and growing. The building was designed with a sanctuary that seats 450 people and enough classrooms to support the sanctuary. The new building is not designed as an "initial" project with an expandable sanctuary that can keep being added-on to in order to accommodate more and more people. As we have sought the Lord, we believe at this time that if we were to outgrow our new facility, we would seek to plant other churches in Fort Collins (or hopefully before we outgrow it).

**WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR ME?
IS MVC GOING TO CHANGE DRAMATICALLY?
WILL WE LOSE THE FAMILY FEEL?**

Is MVC going to change? Yes, this is unavoidable and is a natural byproduct of God's working in our midst. If you have been a part of the church for more than a year, you can look back even in the last 12 months and see tremendous changes the Lord has taken us through. Is MVC going to change dramatically? No. As articulated in the previous answer, we are going to fight hard to keep our DNA and distinctives at the forefront. Our small groups, or flocks, will continue to be key for ensuring that each person is engaged in intimate, life-changing biblical community. For some in our church family, they enjoy a "smaller" church where they can know most of the people. We will continue to fight for this feel, as we have been over the last five years. At the same time, we will continue to focus on planting churches in nearby communities as well as in Fort Collins itself, which will provide opportunities for people to be a part of smaller, more intimate churches.

**WILL THE NEW FACILITY (seating capacity of 450)
PROVIDE FOR THE CRITICAL MASS TO SUPPORT
OUR LONG-TERM VISION?**

The seating capacity in our existing sanctuary is roughly 220 seats. Due to the tightness of the pews and the constraints of the balcony, however, we are unable to use all of those seats. Currently, during our more full services, we are seating roughly 140 people. As a result, the new sanctuary, which is designed to seat roughly 450 people, will allow us to nearly triple our seating capacity for one service. We will also have the freedom to continue with multiple services in the new facility. While increasing the seating capacity was a major design consideration for the new sanctuary, we also wanted to maintain a sanctuary that was not too large and where we could maintain as much intimacy as possible among those who come to worship.



IS THIS NEW FACILITY GOING TO BE OUR "final" HOME?

This new facility was not designed with a "phased" approach. We believe the design provides for continued growth enabling us to reach a critical mass for MVC to function as a resource hub for this network of churches (see previous question). The building was designed so that MVC would not need to move again in the future. We also feel the priority of planting more churches in Fort Collins out of this new facility (see next question). With these things in mind, we anticipate this to be the "final" facility for our church family. At the same time, we want to recognize that the Lord may have different plans years into the future that we don't know about at this point.

**WE TALK A LOT ABOUT PLANTING CHURCHES...
WHY NOT PLANT ANOTHER CHURCH IN FORT COLLINS?**

This is a great question! Planting a church in Fort Collins would definitely help with the space crunch at our current facility. As we have been praying over the last few years, we sense strongly that the Lord will lead us to plant another church in Fort Collins, most likely toward the south end of town. It is an issue of timing. As described above, God is positioning us to be at a place of greater strength for planting churches as we continue to grow. At this phase of the life of MVC, we do not think it would be beneficial to divide up our resources and body into two bodies.

So why do we believe this is not the right time? Planting a church in Fort Collins right now would provide only a temporary solution for the space crunch at our current facility. When we planted Windsor Community Church in 2001, we sent nearly 100 people (1/3 of our church family at the time) to be a part of that endeavor. Within a year, we had not only grown back but were exceeding the size we were before the plant. Our current facility has limitations that will continually be felt by the church staying there.

Another consideration comes from the idea of having a certain critical mass to support not only our church but a movement of church plants. If we were to multiply our church of 600 into two churches of 300, there would be a certain amount of duplication of resources. For example, there would be two sets of overhead expenses (mortgages, rent, utilities, etc). Staff resources would also be duplicated resulting in two pastors who are getting freed up primarily to teach on the weekends, etc. The focus of those two churches would primarily be on providing for the current needs of each church body. As a church of 300, most of the available financial resources go toward trying to keep up with the current needs of the body. As our church grows, there is some benefit (economies of scale) that enables us to direct resources more effectively to not only support the current needs of the body, but also to outreach and church planting. Right now, based on the vision God has given us, we are not only thinking about how to take care of the needs of our own body, but how to multiply those things to be leveraged by daughter churches.