



**HONORING OUR PAST,  
CREATING OUR FUTURE**



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VISION 2020: HONORING OUR PAST, CREATING OUR FUTURE





Dear Resurrected Life Family:

When we think about all that God has done and about all that He wants to do for and through this church, we can't help but be filled with great anticipation. God has certainly blessed our congregation and positioned us to make an incredible impact in the city of Chicago and in the lives of God's people.

As you take the time to look at our past, our present and our future, I am sure that you too, will sense that God is moving in an unusual way and that He has given us the unprecedented privilege to be a part of something awesome and unique. However, we have to do more than sense it; we need to rise to the occasion and respond.

Resurrected Life Church International is on the verge of unprecedented opportunities to minister the life-changing gospel of Jesus Christ, to our community, our city, our nation, and the world, but we need your help.

The theme of our Capital Campaign, "Honoring Our Past, Creating Our Future," presents a tremendous opportunity before us. It provides us with an incredible challenge to open our eyes, stretch our faith and believe God to use us to do even greater and mightier things now and in the future, than He has in the past.

That's why we are beginning the "Honoring Our Past, Creating Our Future" Campaign. It challenges us to do the extraordinary, to give "over and above" for the next 156 weeks. Every dollar given makes it possible for Resurrected Life Church to be a place where people are free to find Christ, be helped, be healed, be delivered, be transformed, be fed, be housed, be encouraged, be set free, and succeed in life!

Our Campaign has a great sub-theme, "Not equal giving, but equal sacrifice." During the "Honoring Our Past Creating, Our Future" campaign, I am going to challenge you to live differently for the sake of COMPASSION for our COMMUNITY. I ask you to seek the Lord about how He wants you to invest your life and your resources.

Resurrected Life, you are a great church. Pastor Adrienne and I are honored to serve as your pastors. We must act while the opportunity exists.

*"The opportunity of a lifetime must be seized within the lifetime of the opportunity!" (Leonard Ravenhill)*

For the sake of the Kingdom,

Dr. Ray & Pastor Adrienne Berryhill  
Senior Pastors



## Vision 2020

# HONORING OUR PAST EVANGEL

The Pentecostal experience that began in an upper room many years ago reached down into the Northside of Chicago over 90 years ago. The hungry hearts of many German people were the recipients at that time. Out of three different missions – from Otto Street, Howe Street and Belmont Avenue – a congregation of German, “Spirit-filled believers” were prompted to construct a house of worship. In the fall of 1925, the building was completed, located at 1941 West Belmont. The church was called BELMONT GOSPEL CHURCH.



As the attendance increased, more room and facilities were needed. The building next door to the church was purchased and renovated by the men and women of the church. It served as the Sunday School facilities and Fellowship Hall.

In 1975, we acquired the properties located at 5100-5110 West Diversey Avenue, formerly known as Calvary Temple (Oakbrook Christian Center) and Chicago Christian Academy. The Lord moved upon the hearts of members and friends of our church, so that with their gifts and sizable loans, it was not necessary to seek outside loans from banks or other lending institutions.

On November 16, 1975, the first service was held in our newly acquired property. On this momentous occasion we became EVANGEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD. Pastors in the life of this local body have been Rev. Fred Link, Rev. Walter Werk, Rev. Louis Drewitz, Rev. G. F. Zeller, Rev. Arthur Bergholz, Rev. Arthur Klaus, Rev. David Robinson, and our present pastor, Dr. Ray Berryhill, who began serving in December, 1992.

On May 29, 2005, in efforts to have the vision of our church reflected in our name, we became EVANGEL WORLD OUTREACH CENTER, as are now going to the world and the world has come to us. We are reaching the world with the Gospel, and reaching out to the nations with intentionality.

In 2014, Evangel purchased the church building of Bethesda Christian Center, located at 4538 W. Fullerton. As we combined the congregations of Evangel and Bethesda, we became Resurrected Life Church International

## BETHESDA

At the age 15, God chose Apostle David Rivera to be a minister of the Gospel and for 22 years, he prepared for the ministry. He worked as a professional in the secular realm during this time and obtained a Bachelor Degree at the University of Puerto Rico.



In 1982, he received confirmation from the Lord to begin the pastorate. He began gathering in various homes with his family and another family; a total of 8 people. As they continued to meet and share the gospel, numbers steadily grew and it ultimately demanded that we obtain our first meeting place, a funeral home called Barabbas. Even so, the number of believers attending increased, filling that place to capacity. With the Lord's help, we acquired our second property for the congregation, a factory and medical lab located at 4020 W. Division St.

It did not take very long to outgrow this facility as well. Together we embarked on the task of finding a new place. After nearly 2 years of searching; we found the current facility (4538 W. Fullerton), a closed and abandoned building. Over the next three years, we worked on the building in stages, and with great patience and vision, we were able to complete it in 10 years to create what we see today ... these facilities and this temple.



From the beginning, Apostle David and Ruth Rivera and the people who have worked and supported this congregation, have been ministering to and helping with the development of families and the community; spiritually, mentally, physically, and socially.

On October 5, 2014, Apostle David and Ruth Rivera passed the baton of this great congregation and establishment to Resurrected Life Church International, under the direction of Rev. Dr. Ray Allen Berryhill and his ministerial team, with great confidence and faith in God and in the Bethesda congregation, that together we will continue to reach this city and others with the message of salvation, healing and social justice.

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# CREATING OUR FUTURE RESURRECTED LIFE CHURCH INTERNATIONAL

Although the past all seems like one big miracle, the greatest miracle is yet unfolding before our eyes. What began as a German mission and a small gathering of Spanish believers, through the wisdom and sovereign will of Almighty God, has become "A House of Prayer For All Nations."

Surely, this is the Lord's work; it is marvelous in our eyes. Members of this congregation representing more than 40 nations of the world, gather together each week to "CELEBRATE JESUS." In a time where many have chosen to leave, we have determined to remain, shining as a beacon light in an area that desperately needs the Gospel of Christ.

As we offer worship and praise unto God, and effective ministry to God's people, may we continue to experience the fulfilment of the scripture..."*And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, I will draw ALL men unto me.*" John 12:32



## WHY ARE WE DOING A CAPITAL CAMPAIGN?

Our ultimate goal is to enhance the overall appearance and overall utilization of our Church to facilitate greater ministry to our Church family and the Community.

### OUR TOP 3 INITIATIVES:

**Phase One:** Acquire Additional Parking Lot, New Elevator, Remodel Sanctuary, Add Portable Baptismal Pool, Remodel Lobby, Bathrooms and Café, Repave/Stripe Existing Parking Lot

**Phase Two:** Remodel Entire 2nd Floor: Kitchen, Banquet Hall, Youth Area, Classrooms, and Gymnasium

**Phase Three:** New Facade, Rooftop Deck

### HOW WILL THIS HELP THE CHURCH?

These three initiatives will literally change the trajectory of RLCI and have a significant impact upon the future of our church.

### WHY NOW? CAN'T THIS WAIT?

Bethesda Christian Center purchased and moved into this facility in 2000 and began converting a factory into a Church and Community Center. Work was completed in 2010.

Now, 7 years later there is renewed vision, greater opportunities, and greater possibilities. It's time to catapult RLCI to the next level. NOW is the time!

**NOW** is the time to think about what we need to do significantly more of for our congregants, for the community and for the Glory of God – and – to be able to serve more people and in some way make such a bigger “ding” in the universe (to quote Steve Jobs).

**NOW** is the time to generate inspiration and infuse our people with vision, courage, excitement for A BETTER FUTURE. It's about answering the call to build a place where people in this community can be reconnected with their Heavenly Father; a place where hopes and dreams that have been shattered and forgotten are restored by the Almighty.



In these challenging economic times, the needs of people in our community are greater than ever. This is an hour like no other. It's a moment when the church has the opportunity to do what it was created to do...meet the needs of people. There is NO lack with God!

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In 1 Corinthians 16:9 Paul declared, “*A great door of opportunity has opened to do a great work...*” Those words describe what is happening at Resurrected Life today. Because of the economic situation in our nation, the breakdown of the family, the rising tide of violence and the realization by people that the “American Dream” doesn’t have the power to truly satisfy the longing of our hearts, people and institutions are looking to the Church for help and answers. The needs in our community are greater than ever. This campaign is about putting Resurrected Life in a position to fulfill God’s dream of seeing people experience His love, power, presence and grace in their lives. But to make that dream a reality, we need YOU!

## **PHASE ONE:**

**Acquiring the West Parking Lot** will allow for 40-50 additional cars for each service. It will ease the current and ongoing burden of not enough parking. But moreover, it will provide (1) A potential 100 additional people for each service; (2) Instant visibility on Fullerton Avenue; (3) Visibility for future outreaches; and (4) Should pay for itself within the first 2 years.

### **New Elevator:**

1. Will help us to become ADA Compliant
2. Saves space
3. Provides assistance to anyone with mobility issues
4. Greater capacity to lift large and heavy items to the second floor
5. Facilitates preventing accidents

### **Remodeling Sanctuary, Lobby area and Bathrooms:**

Everyone enjoys a beautiful environment. Beauty in and of itself is not only attractive; it can be evangelistic. Our goal is to modernize our facility, particularly in the sanctuary and public areas to enhance the beauty and the efficiency of our church as well as create an inviting, reverent and entertaining worship space.

### **Remodel will include:**

- **Portable Baptistry:** to perform baptisms in the flow of the service and enhance the participation of the entire congregation
- **LED Lighting:** Designed to save on our electric bill, increase our lighting capacity, produce less heat and wattage and require less maintenance
- **Modern Seating, Flooring and Window Treatments**
- **Renovated Bathrooms**
- **New Furnishings and Seating Designed for Entry Halls and Foyers**
- **The Gathering Place Café:** an inviting, friendly, an intimate environment, providing coffee, tea, specialty beverages and fruit, pastries and sandwiches in our beautiful atrium complete with a water fountain, waterfall, in-wall fireplace and chic' café seating with Free High-Speed Wi-Fi. The Gathering Place...an excellent place to rest, read, relax and re-connect with Family and Friends



## **PHASE TWO:**

Modernize and Renovate 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor – Kitchen, Banquet Hall, Dance Studio, Classrooms and Gymnasium (soundproofing gym floor for extended use)

## **PHASE THREE:**

**New Façade** to enhance the appearance of the Building and attract the attention of the community, communicating RLCI has something to offer.

**Rooftop Deck**, offering additional fellowship opportunities, additional space for small weddings, receptions, church gatherings, etc., with great views of the city.

## HOW CAN I HELP?

For many years, generous people have exemplified Resurrected Life. People just like you who were willing to make many sacrifices so that others could discover God's love even as they did.

We know God hasn't given everyone the ability to give the same dollar amount, but He does call us to bring what we have. Mix it with faith and be part of something bigger than yourself. Everyone can participate in some way!

Here's a process you can follow:

**DELIBERATE** by talking with God in prayer and asking Him for direction.

**DETERMINE** what generous and sacrificial giving looks like for you based on the biblical model of "not equal gifts, but equal sacrifice."

**DECIDE** what financial commitment you are willing to make to this project over the next 3 years, above your tithe and missions giving.

During the campaign, you will be given the opportunity to prayerfully consider and complete a faith promise card for your commitment. But the most important thing now is simply to hear from God.

Not Everyone Can Make  
**THE SAME SIZE GIFT**  
But Everyone Can Make  
**THE SAME SIZE SACRIFICE**



**Victory Goal - \$1,000,000**

**Challenge Goal - \$1,500,000**

**Breakthrough Goal - \$2,000,000**

How is Jesus calling you into action? What's the step that helps you to trust God in a new way? Where is He asking you to trust Him without a safety net - so that you can experience His ability to "catch you" in a way that will radically transform your heart and faith? *"Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about the things we cannot see."* Hebrews 11:1

This chart can help guide you in determining the level of your three-year\* faith commitment.

### Three-Year Pledge Chart      Gift Examples

Weekly	Monthly**	Annually	3 Year Total
\$200	\$867	\$10,400	\$31,200
\$150	\$650	\$7,800	\$23,400
\$120	\$520	\$6,240	\$18,720
\$100	\$433	\$5,200	\$15,600
\$90	\$390	\$4,680	\$14,040
\$80	\$347	\$4,160	\$12,480
\$70	\$303	\$3,640	\$10,920
\$60	\$260	\$3,120	\$9,360
\$50	\$217	\$2,600	\$7,800
\$40	\$173	\$2,080	\$6,240
\$30	\$130	\$1,560	\$4,680
\$20	\$87	\$1,040	\$3,120
\$10	\$43	\$520	\$1,560

\*Three-year commitment begins April 2017 and ends March 2020.

\*\*Monthly totals calculated based on 4.3 weeks per month (52wk./12mo.)

Dear Resurrected Life Family,

It takes more than just buildings to make a church; it takes people who have fellowship with one another and more importantly, with God.

Through this fellowship we are happy to be launching out in faith with the Capital campaign, believing that our church is going to achieve a new experience in stewardship and spiritual growth.

The theme of this campaign, "Honoring Our Past and Creating Our Future", is a great challenge to all of us. As we all give sacrificially, not only will our financial needs be met, but our spiritual growth will be blessed by seeking and doing God's will.

The commitments we make during this campaign will be very important to the future of our church. Together with our Pastors and under God's leadership and direction, we should achieve an exciting victory for our Lord.

*Haggai 2:9 "The Glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the Lord of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of hosts."*

Sincerely,



Pastors Rick & Joana Melendez

Capital Campaign Directors



Wesley & Evette Berryhill

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## Campaign Leadership Team

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### KEY CAMPAIGN DATES

**Kick-Off Sunday • February 12, 2017**

**Vision Encounters • February 13 – March 2, 2017**

**All Church Event • March 17, 2017**

**Commitment Sunday • March 19, 2017**

**Celebration Sunday • April 2, 2017**

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **How much money are we trying to raise in this capital campaign?**

Our goal is to raise \$2 million in commitments to be paid on a weekly, biweekly or monthly basis.

## **Can we make a family commitment?**

Yes.

## **How much should I/we give to the Campaign?**

There is no easy answer to this question. It's up to you. As Christians we have the power of prayer to help us arrive at the answer. Clearly a goal of this magnitude cannot be reached without sacrifice. Others have given sacrificially in the past so we might be served today. In the same way, we are being called upon to make a generous sacrifice for the sake of present and future believers. Your pledge isn't legally binding, but we ask that you make it with full faith and intention.

## **Will my gift be significant enough to help?**

The answer is this: **No gift is too small.** Certainly, conducting a capital fund effort during uncertain economic times is not an easy thing to do. But, because of our need to improve our church building and extend our ministry, turning back is not an option. The times we live in present an opportunity to take stock of our blessings, trust in God and decide what our priorities are. This is an opportunity to grow spiritually in our relationship to Jesus and to be wise stewards of the resources God has given us. Not all members will be able to pledge or give at the same level. Many small gifts are as important as a few large ones. The Bible teaches that we are to give proportionally as we are able.

## **When do the commitments start?**

We begin paying on our commitments the 2nd Sunday in April of 2017.

## **Will I have the opportunity to revise my commitment?**

Yes, you may revise your commitment at any time during the 156 weeks.

## **Will I be asked for a commitment publicly?**

No. And your individual commitment will never be announced.

## **How do we make our gifts toward the program?**

By using the regular offering envelopes provided in the church each week. Mark the box designated "Building Fund."

## **Do you think God will help me meet a commitment which seems beyond my means?**

Yes, just as surely as He helps us in any other area of life. A large commitment often means large faith. A small commitment sometimes, but not always, means little faith.

## **Where will the commitments be made?**

Commitments will be made during the service on March 19, which is Commitment Sunday. Commitment cards will be collected on that day.

## **Can I give toward my commitment once a year or every 3 months?**

Yes, however, most of us find it easier to give weekly, biweekly or monthly.

## **Will my commitment be a permanent investment?**

The commitment period is 156 weeks, but hopefully giving will become a lifestyle.

# AS YOU MAKE YOUR GIFT PLEASE REMEMBER

- Payments may be made over a period of three years. A longer period can be arranged if necessary.
- Commitment payments are in addition to your regular tithes and offerings. Your commitment payments to this campaign will be used for the specific church needs outlined in this brochure.
- Commitment payments are fully deductible for tax purposes.
- Please make checks payable to: Resurrected Life Church or RLCI and designate "Capital Campaign."

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