

**MILK&HONEY**  
campaign

## Questions & Answers

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**Q Why is Assembly embarking on this renovation/expansion project?**

**A** The renovation project has been in the works for 10 years, and has seen its share of fits and starts. Due to lack of adequate worship and classroom space and the need to have a building that serves the congregation and community well, the renovation plan reached consensus at the June 2016 meeting.

**Q How will the proposed expansion be funded?**

**A** There are four sources available to fund our expansion project. They are:

1. Cash currently in our building fund.
2. Immediate cash and non-cash gifts.
3. Regular weekly or monthly gifts given over three years.
4. Borrowed funds.

**Q Just how much (if any) will we need to borrow?**

**A** The amount we borrow will depend upon what how much we can raise. We may need to borrow to complete the project, but that depends on our response to the campaign. The more we raise in our Milk & Honey Campaign, the less we will need to borrow. There will be a realistic plan to pay back our obligations, and this plan will be presented to the congregation for final approval.

**Q Is there a certain amount of money that I/my family will be expected to commit to our Milk & Honey Campaign?**

**A** No. Each person/family will decide their own individual contribution. The goal is not equal gifts, but equal commitment. All commitments are confidential, and won't be revealed to others.



**Q Can we make one commitment for our entire family?**

**A** Yes, you may. We strongly urge that you involve your children in some way, either by individual commitment or by their participation in the family giving.

**Q I already tithe to the annual budget and feel like that is all I can do. Is this OK?**

**A** Only you can decide how much you can give. This program has been designed so that everyone can give something, no matter what it is or the amount.

**Q Can I divide my current giving between the annual budget and the Milk & Honey Campaign?**

**A** We strongly encourage you to make your commitment “over and above” any other giving to Assembly. The ministries and work that we currently support still need to be funded. We ask that you not transfer current giving to the Milk & Honey Campaign.

**Q Do I have flexibility in making my financial commitment?**

**A** Yes, there are three general categories under which you can make your commitment:

- Immediate gifts from accumulated cash.
- Regular weekly or monthly gifts of a specified amount over the next three years.
- Non-cash assets such as property, stocks, bonds, etc.



**Q May I give assets other than cash?**

**A** Yes. There may be tremendous tax advantages to giving assets other than cash. One of the members of our committee will be happy to discuss this with you, or you may choose to consult with your personal tax advisor.

**Q Can I designate my gift to a specific area or portion of the project?**

**A** Until the campaign is completed, we will not know what revisions (if any) need to be made, how much we may need to borrow, or what extras can be added. For those reasons, we ask that you not limit your gift by designating it for an area or purpose that is not part of the present plan.

**Q How will commitments be received?**


**A** Your financial commitment will be placed in a sealed envelope so that the confidentiality of your commitment can be maintained. There is also an online form (find it on: [assemblymennonite.org/building](http://assemblymennonite.org/building)).

**Q Why do I need to make my commitment in writing?**

**A** The total amount of commitments will be used to forecast future income and to establish a realistic construction budget and timetable.

**Q How will the commitments be reported?**

**A** Your sealed Commitment Card will be received and opened by John Nafziger (the church treasurer), and a total dollar amount will be reported to the congregation. He is also the only one to see the pledges made online.



**Q If I should fall behind, will the church take steps to make me pay?**

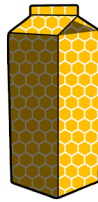
**A** We will most certainly not take any action to collect on a voluntary financial commitment. Our purpose in this Milk & Honey Campaign is to provide adequate facilities so that we can continue to make forward progress in accomplishing the mission of our church. We have provided Commitment Cards for us to plan wisely.

**Q When am I supposed to start giving toward my commitment?**

**A** We anticipate giving toward commitments to begin on Celebration Sunday, June 4. Of course, we recognize that not everyone receives a weekly paycheck. Therefore, you may begin honoring your commitment based upon the timing that you designate on your Commitment Card and according to your income schedule.

**Q Will I have opportunity to revise my commitment?**

**A** Certainly. Since this is a personal commitment, you have opportunity to revise your commitment. It would be helpful if changes could be communicated in a written manner so church leadership can revise their projections.



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