



SHARE PACEM  
SHARE PEACE

# CAPITAL CAMPAIGN QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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## **Why is Pacem doing a capital campaign?**

The Share Pacem – Share Peace Capital Campaign is a multi-year effort to fund the following initiatives/projects:

- Protect our grounds by continuing the recovery effort from the 2024 storms.
- Update and enhance our hermitages and other facilities.
- Implement a plan to Share Pacem with more people by increasing the number of hermit guests each year and grow our endowment.

We are unable to fund these critical projects/initiatives through Pacem's annual budget. A capital campaign provides donors an opportunity to financially support Pacem in a specific way that will ensure our future and enable us to share this sacred place with more people.

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## **Are Pacem's hermit guests supportive of these projects/initiatives?**

Pacem's Board of Directors hired an outside firm to conduct a feasibility survey of potential donors to elicit feedback on our vision and determine if there was support for moving ahead. Eighty-five percent (85%) of participants said "yes" or "would consider" a gift. Many others stated that they would be willing to volunteer for the campaign, indicating broad support.

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## **What is the campaign goal?**

Our campaign goal is to raise and hopefully exceed \$5 million over a three-year period, above what we raise annually. This amount will cover the costs to complete the proposed projects on our building and grounds, and enhance our operations.

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## **How is Pacem going to increase the number of hermit guests each year?**

Campaign gifts will fund expanded outreach to Share Pacem. Gifts will also Share Peace by covering the shortfall of hermit guests who are not able to make the full recommended offering, and finally as hermit numbers increase, gifts will assist in staff growth and offering a just wage.

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## **Will retreats be disrupted by building updates and projects that enhance the grounds?**

We plan to do the building updates and enhance the grounds in phases in order to limit any disruptions to retreats.

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## 6 Will any of the proposed projects/initiatives change the retreat experience?

This campaign is centered around projects/initiatives that assist Pacem in continuing to live our mission to provide a place where people of all faiths can deepen their relationship with God in the silence and solitude of a hermitage. We have no intentions of changing the retreat experience. Our primary goals are to:

- Be good stewards of what God has provided in Pacem's grounds and ensure that current and future hermit guests will experience comfortable and adequate accommodations as they deepen their relationship with God.
- Develop ways to promote Pacem and create an atmosphere where anyone who wants to experience a Pacem retreat can do so.

## 7 Is this the right time to conduct a capital campaign?

There is rarely an ideal time to conduct a capital campaign. We may face challenges due to competing campaigns and economic issues. Through prayers, research, and hermit guest feedback, we feel confident that the campaign will be successful.

## 8 How will potential donors be asked for a financial commitment?

Through a series of gatherings and visits we hope to connect with potential donors in a personal way when asking for a financial commitment. When requesting commitments, we will ask each potential donor to review information regarding the proposed projects/initiatives, pray about their commitment, and give to the best of their ability. In the Pacem spirit, this will be a no-pressure process and each individual can choose how they receive campaign information.

## 9 How can I help?

You can assist Pacem's Campaign Committee in these ways:

- Keep Pacem and the campaign in your prayers (see campaign prayer below).
- We need assistance in connecting with others who have visited Pacem. If you would be willing to volunteer, please contact: Bill Mori at (651) 247-7079 or [bmori@comcast.net](mailto:bmori@comcast.net)
- Prayerfully discern making a financial commitment to the capital campaign.
- Share Pacem with the beautiful souls that you're connected to whose joy it may be in providing a financial gift to strengthen our ministry.

## Campaign Prayer

Merciful Lord, in the Gospels you teach us to share, and to serve and worship you as you deserve for your greater honor and glory. We thank you for all the gifts you have bestowed on us and on Pacem in Terris Hermitage Retreat Center. We especially thank you for all your people who come here to pray and be alone with you. Through the gifts of silence, solitude, and peace, these women and men have renewed and grown in their faith as followers of Jesus Christ.

With humble hearts we ask you to focus our efforts and resources to maintain the legacy of Pacem.

Our hope is that it may continue to be a sacred place of prayer and spiritual renewal for future generations. Please send your Holy Spirit to guide and bless our labors, that they may bear good fruit for your people. Move the hearts of all those seeking an opportunity to participate in this campaign to continue to build your kingdom through Pacem. Help us to share Pacem and share with Pacem. We pray all of this with gratitude and confidence through Christ our Lord. Amen.