

## **Bow Valley Christian Church Facility Development**

As Bow Valley Christian Church continues its mission to help people find and follow Jesus, we recognize the need to invest in the development of our facility to better serve our congregation and community. Over the past 18 months, our building committee—comprised of professionals in real estate, financial services, project management, pastoral ministry, human resources, and commercial facility management—has worked diligently to evaluate the future of our church building. After extensive discussions and the onboarding of an architect, we have reimagined a plan to renovate and expand our existing footprint.

We believe that God is calling us to take a bold step of faith, ensuring that our church remains a welcoming, functional, and mission-driven space for both our current members and future generations. This proposal outlines the strategic improvements designed to enhance our ability to serve, strengthen our outreach, and steward our resources effectively for the glory of Jesus.

# The Role of Our Facility in Ministry and Community Engagement

Bow Valley Christian Church has long served as a gathering place for both our congregation and the broader Calgary community, offering a space for worship, fellowship, and outreach seven days a week. In addition to supporting over 24 active ministry groups, our facility is home to more than 20 external user groups who rely on our space for their important work. These groups—including organizations such as Alzheimer's Calgary, Alcoholics Anonymous, Brown Bagging for Calgary's Kids, local schools, and various youth and adult sports teams—illustrate the vital role our church plays in fostering community relationships while also generating supplemental income to further our ministry efforts.



To continue serving both our congregation and the community at large, we must invest in expanding and renovating our facility to meet growing needs. Our vision is to create a space that welcomes and supports people from all walks of life—across generations and cultures—strengthening our mission to be a place of connection, service, and spiritual growth.



Following careful deliberation, prayer, and thoughtful evaluation, the building committee presented a comprehensive plan to the elder team, which has been fully endorsed. The proposed renovations and expansions include the following key improvements:

- Multi-Purpose Chapel & Meeting Space A new, large multi-purpose chapel will be added to accommodate a wide range of ministry and community events, including weddings, funerals, conferences, youth gatherings, seniors' luncheons, mom-and-tot events, and retreats.
- Expanded Foyer & Auditorium Access The main foyer will be expanded, creating a more welcoming and functional gathering space, along with additional entrances to improve accessibility to the Auditorium.



• Dedicated Youth Wing – A new youth wing will be constructed to provide a safe and engaging environment for youth and young adults, expanding our outreach and fostering the next generation of Christian leaders.

- Community & Staff Offices Existing staff offices will be consolidated, and new Community Office spaces and meeting rooms will be developed. These spaces will include a shared reception area, boardroom, and additional storage. The Community Offices will be available for rent to professionals such as counselors, debt advisors, and immigration services, further supporting our mission to serve the community.
- Flexible Multi-Purpose Spaces The current multi-purpose room, nursery, and meeting areas will be reconfigured to create adaptable spaces that can accommodate both internal ministry groups and external community services, ensuring comfortable and functional meeting environments.
- Upgraded Commercial Kitchen The existing upstairs kitchen will be fully renovated and expanded into a commercial-grade kitchen, enabling us to better serve meals for church events and community gatherings, as well as provide rental options for groups that require food preparation facilities.
- Modernized Washroom Facilities Additional main-floor washrooms will be constructed, addressing the need for expanded and refreshed restroom facilities to better serve our congregation and guests.





We believe the time is now to bring these projects to life. To ensure the success of this initiative, Bow Valley Christian Church has engaged a specialized capital campaign consulting firm with expertise in church fundraising for large-scale projects. Alongside our architectural and cost consultants, this partnership will help us steward resources effectively as we move forward.

There will be multiple opportunities for congregation members to engage in the process, including upcoming open houses where you can learn more, ask questions, and provide valuable feedback on the proposed plans.

As this project progresses, our Executive Director, Chris Fong, and his team will provide regular updates to keep our church family informed. We recognize that this is a significant undertaking—one that requires prayer, faith, and collective support. We invite you to seek God's guidance on how you can be a part of this vision and help shape the future of Bow Valley Christian Church for generations to come.