

How are Gifts to Building for Christ

Making a Difference?

- St. Stephen's, North Myrtle Beach, received a grant to help them purchase land to move forward for a second campus.
- St. Jude's, Walterboro, received a grant to hire a youth minister.
- St. Barnabas, Dillon, received funds enabling them to purchase land in a more central location.
- Epiphany, Eutawville, received a grant enabling them to open a Youth Center in town.
- All Saints, Florence, received funds for much needed physical plant repairs.
- St. James, McClellanville received a grant which helped them purchase a parish hall.
- Holy Cross/Faith Memorial in Pawley's Island received funds for new construction on their campus.



In 2009, St. Stephen's, North Myrtle Beach, was able to purchase 15.6 acres of land on the west side of Loris, SC. The site will become the location of outdoor activities and a multi-purpose building that will house St. Stephen's outreach ministries. A grant from Building for Christ made it possible.



Every request for funds is prayerfully considered before selections are made.

What Should I Give?

Our hope is that every adult and child in the Diocese will share in Building for Christ with a gift of \$25 for each adult and \$5 for each child.

A Message from The Bishop

Dear friends in Christ,

Building for Christ supports our churches and their outreach in their communities. It's just one way for us to reach those not yet exposed to the Gospel and to partner with those who do the ministry of sharing it! As new opportunities arise, we want to be perfectly positioned to meet the challenge.

I would be delighted for you to participate with me in this Kingdom spreading work through Building for Christ by giving a gift—large or small. Today Building for Christ is more essential than ever.

In grateful anticipation, I once again express my gratitude using the words of St. Paul:

*Not that I seek the gift;
but I seek the fruit which increases
to your credit....I am filled—having received . . .
the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering,
a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God.
(Philippians 4:15-20)*

Faithfully yours,

*The Rt. Rev. Mark J. Lawrence
Bishop of the Diocese of South Carolina*

Building for Christ It's more



than
keeping
the
doors
open.

**It's the people of the Diocese of South Carolina
investing in churches
which invest in ministry
so people are
transformed by the
love of Jesus Christ.**

The principle behind Building for Christ is simple. Individuals throughout the diocese band together to invest in churches which, in turn, invest in ministry. The purpose is to reach out in Jesus' name so that people are transformed by the love of Christ.

Investing in Property

When a congregation has an opportunity to grow through physical expansion, but can't yet afford the expenses on their own, Building for Christ funds are used to:

- Purchase Land
- Expand Buildings
- Renovate Deteriorating Structures
- Build Churches

Investing in Ministry

When a congregation shows potential for growth, but doesn't yet have the funds to cover additional personnel expenses, Building for Christ funds are used to provide initial short term salaries for:

- Clergy Assistants
- Youth Ministers
- Christian Education Ministers

How are Projects Selected?

Every year a committee meets to review applications for funding. A priority list, based on the following principles, is developed and grants are given as funding is received.

Principles for weighing grant requests:

1. **Invest with a view toward "good return."** The grant will strengthen local congregational ministry, giving it a firmer foundation and resulting in a heightened ability to participate as a stronger diocesan partner with others. Good return can include being spiritually strengthened through enhancing social ministry and outreach in the community.

2. **Requests will have "sunset" provisions.** All requests must have a stated limit of one, two or three years.
3. **Requests should be documented.** Requests from congregations should be accompanied by well-developed mission statements, goals, objectives and rationales for why the grant is requested, including how the grant will measurably move the congregations toward self sufficiency and/or growth in ministry.
4. **Requests will include provision for ongoing monitoring.** Fiscal accountability in regular reporting will be required for measuring how grants are being responsibly used.
5. **Funding requests for starting wholly new congregations will have a priority.** The diocese needs not only to strengthen existing congregations, but also to establish new ones.
6. **Deaneries will be involved.** Requests for grants, whether or not originating within the deaneries, shall be submitted to deaneries for advice and consent.
7. **Priority will be given to particular, sharply focused projects of a one-time nature and which can be completed within a relatively short time span.**
8. **Departmental approval is needed.** If a request is for funding for a Director of Christian Education, Youth Minister or College Ministry coordinator, the diocesan department coordinator must have signed off on the request.
9. **Congregations must be willing to enter into partnerships** with other congregations as well as the diocese when deemed necessary by the department.
10. **Grant request will be viewed with "faith-filled pragmatism."**
11. **Churches requesting assistance are expected to be tithing to the Diocese.**

Building for Christ

Each adult is encouraged to donate \$25 each year and each child is encouraged to donate \$5.

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