

HTD Building Development Project – June 2009

Why?

HTD's ministry continues to grow and expand in various ways. This current year, our Sunday attendance has grown over all about 8%. Several groups are growing. Pressure on our spaces and rooms grows. Also we need to continue to look ahead to expanding future ministry. The opportunities are endless. We hope what follows will enable you to capture the vision for more gospel work for God's glory.

What are our needs?

1. Our prime need is a suitable space for worship for our bilingual congregation. Currently it meets in the main hall which is acoustically poor, requires a lot of set-up, is cold or hot, with sun glare in summer, and people often walking through. This congregation, of 50 adults and 25 children, meets at the same time as the adult Chinese congregation in the church.

We have considered moving off site, but transport becomes a big issue for parents with teenage children. We have considered another time slot but the church is in use all day, and transport again becomes a big issue.

The extra worship space will also give us more freedom for expansion, for example with another morning congregation, perhaps for a different language group.

2..The main hall is not ideal for sport and games. The stage makes this awkward and the ceiling is too low really for badminton, though that is played there.

3.We do not have sufficient office space for staff. Any work place ought to provide a good office for its staff.

4.We can do with another couple of meeting rooms for Sunday school, midweek groups, etc. We often have the building used close to capacity, eg Sundays, Tuesdays with ESL, some evenings with meetings and children's groups.

What is the Proposed Solution?

1. We plan to refurbish the main hall to create a worship space that can accommodate 120 people with standard microphone system wired in, carpeted and with heating. At the back will be an extra meeting room, with sound proof glass to act as a crying room on a Sunday afternoon. The worship space will also be ideal for groups with a speaker such as men's group, MOF or other meetings, without people walking through as is the case in the Pickering Room.

2. We propose to build a large basketball court size hall at the back of the property, behind the old Vicarage and into the back courtyard. The design of this is quite basic, with attached storage for hall users including CEBS, Fair and other groups. There will be a basic male and female toilet, accessible for wheelchairs, and with a shower each.

3. The current stage area will be refurbished to provide five staff offices. Though not large, they will be adequate.

4. The old office area (currently two meeting rooms and two offices) will be slightly redesigned to make three larger meeting rooms plus what is now Ben's office as a smaller meeting room or additional staff office.

5. The current external walkway ramp up to the old office area will become an internal corridor so that the main hall worship space is not a thoroughfare.

6. See the attached design for further explanation.

How Much Will This Cost?

We have had a very thorough Quantity Surveyor report and the total cost is \$850,000. We are confident that this is a realistic cost and within our ability to pay.

How Will We Pay for This?

1. We intend taking out a loan with the Anglican Development Fund for the amount of the Building Project.

2. We currently receive monthly payment from Doncaster Holden for their staff cars being parked on our land during the week. This makes the net amount we need to find approximately \$600,000.

3. Over a 25-year loan, we will need a bit over \$40,000 per annum to pay off this amount.

4. The refurbishment part of the project (which is the main cost) is tax-deductible under our current building fund. We will appeal for church members to make tax-deductible donations each year to pay off this part of the project. (Money from Doncaster Holden, etc, can be used for the non-tax-deductible part of the project.

5. We believe this amount is realistic and, with people's annual generosity, and possibly some bequests, we will not have to repay the loan from general revenue. If we had to do that, we would need to cut down or limit our ministry for staff and mission and outreach.

6. Many churches with far fewer members than HTD have loans much greater than this proposed loan.

7. HTD paid off the loan for the recent church extensions within five years, a fabulous effort. We have great confidence that this project is well within our reach.

What To Do?

1. Please pray for this project.

2. We encourage you to give, even now. Donations can be made to the Holy Trinity Doncaster School Building Fund.

3. Consider making a bequest to HTD in your will. We have forms to assist you in this.

4. Any feedback to the Building Committee is welcome.

Who is the Building Committee?

The Building committee is: Hong Young Tsao, Ross Walker, Doug Norman, Geoff Goodson, Eric Smith, John Deng, Ralph Woodward, Paul Barker.

Paul Barker, June 2009

