

## Frequently Asked Questions

### ***What is the name of this campaign?***

Cool Church: Temperature Stability for Growth and Preservation

### ***What are the benefits of this project?***

The organ is being negatively impacted by extreme fluctuations in temperature and humidity. This puts one of the major investments of this church at risk. There is no air flow in the sanctuary. As we learned during Covid, this does not create a healthy environment, especially for elders and small children. Warm temperatures now start as early as April and can last into October. This means that almost 6 months out of the year we cannot hold services in the sanctuary, including weddings and funerals. Growth in attendance makes meeting in the Fellowship Hall increasingly crowded.

### ***What are the phases and what is included?***

The options received from the feasibility study were broken down to give us choices for how we want to proceed. The vestry decided to focus on the first three phases so that there would be a seamless path of air conditioning from the nave to the Fellowship Hall.

Phase 1 includes the sanctuary and the entry way

Phase 2 includes the sacristy, the bathrooms, the hallways, the preschool and the children's chapel area

Phase 3 is the Common Room

(Phase 4 is the classrooms and Phase 5 is the future lease area)

### ***What is the timeline?***

When we end the campaign, we will have to do an environmental study for removal of the asbestos adhesives on the tile in the sanctuary. Then we will put

the project out for bids in the fall of 2025. Work to be started in May or June of 2026.

***How long will this take?***

The project with all phases is estimated to take about 4 months.

***Will there be significant changes to the building?***

The AC Team made clear during the feasibility study that there could be no significant change to the inside or outside of the building. We chose the option with minimal impact. The project includes replacement of the tile in the nave.

***How will this project impact utility costs?***

We know it costs money to run an air conditioner. The exact answer is complicated by the fact that the units will not all be running all the time or at the same temperature. The exception is the unit in the nave, but even that will be run at higher temperatures during the week when it is unused. The team researched electrical costs for our building for the past 13 months. The best estimate we have now is the costs will increase approximately \$250 per month when the entire system is in use. Once we know for sure, we can create a more accurate line item for the annual budget.

***How long is the campaign and who is included?***

In mid March letters were sent to businesses who work with St Michael's, as well as legacy members who do not currently attend but have been generous in the past. We are looking into grant opportunities. The kick off for the campaign will occur at the April 6 Common Grounds, and the campaign will end June 1, 2025.

***How long do I have to pay?***

We would appreciate having all gifts received by June, 2027. You can make your gift by check, through secure online payment, through a gift of stock or insurance. You can pay all at once or in installments. We are just grateful for your gift!