

**A Letter from the Board of Elders to the WEST LONDON ALLIANCE CHURCH family  
regarding EXPANDING & RENOVATING the church building  
~ September 23, 2007 ~**

Dear West Londoner,

*Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together! (Psalm 34:3)* The ministries at West London Alliance Church continue to grow as we continue to address the tremendous opportunities that are being provided in our changing neighborhood. The mid-week programs for our Junior High and Senior High and our Friday Evening Drop-In ministry are clear examples of such opportunity and growth. Other ministries: our "English as a Second Language" program, the work of the London Mandarin Alliance Church and our regular Sunday morning services are also growing. This growth has led to critical space shortages that we believe are now impeding future outreach and discipleship ministries, as well as causing an obvious need of renovation/restoration. And of course there is the long-awaited completion of our parking lot, road entrances and landscaping. For these reasons, the Board brought forward a renovation and expansion plan at the March 4, 2007 Annual Meeting, a plan that was strongly supported by the congregation. The WLAC Elders Board now believes that God is leading us to proceed with this challenge of better facilitating our present and future ministries.

This letter is a request for the church family to join us in making a reality this planned expansion and renovation. The estimated cost of this project is \$2.35 million, which covers the complete project, including furnishings. Our plan is to proceed with the work in three parts:

<b>firstly</b> , the 10,000 square foot expansion plus furnishings and those parts of the site work required by the City	<b>\$1,675,000</b>
<b>secondly</b> , the renovations to the present facility	<b>\$ 323,000</b>
<b>thirdly</b> , the balance of the site work such as parking lot paving, lighting, landscaping, etc.	<b>\$ 352,000</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$2,350,000</b>

Drawings of the proposed work are on display on the back wall of the auditorium and in the South Foyer.

On **Sunday, September 30, 2007** at a **Congregational Meeting** that will begin at **7:00 p.m.**, we will be seeking the approval of the membership to begin this expansion and renovation. **The actual motion that the Board will be presenting is printed on the reverse of this letter.** Our plan is that this work will be financed through a combination of cash received and a mortgage of up to \$1.35 million. At this point, \$662,000 has been pledged, of which \$223,000 has now been actually received. Our expectation is that on all levels of church life this project will allow us to become increasingly able to make known the greatness of God.

As we continue to seek the Lord's empowerment to impact London and the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ, we look forward to the prospects of strengthening and growing the work that we are already busy with and getting on with the additional work that will become possible through the development of new outreach and discipleship initiatives. With this hope in mind, we joyfully seek your support for this project.

Sincerely,

**THE WEST LONDON BOARD OF ELDERS**

Steve MacDonald ( <i>Chair</i> )	Peter Ferguson
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## THE MOTION:

That the \$2.35 million building project be approved, with the understanding that:

- (1) the building project will be constructed in stages, as presented by the Board, as cash is received
- (2) the building mortgage will at no time exceed a principal balance of \$1.35 million

**Members and Associates:** *Unable to attend the September 30<sup>th</sup> Meeting?* We really don't want you to miss the evening's presentation and congregational discussion, but if you are unable to be with us, there is a bylaw in our Constitution that allows you to vote "in absentia."

**WLA Bylaw 8:** Active members who are unable to attend a congregational meeting may apply to the board of elders for the right to vote *in absentia*. If approved, the ballot provided must be placed in a sealed envelope and given to the secretary of the board before the meeting.

Members and associates may "apply for the right to vote *in absentia*" by obtaining an advance ballot and envelope in the church office. Your name must be signed and clearly printed on the envelope with one ballot sealed inside. The **BALLOT BOX** will also be in the church office.