



We're surrounded...by beautiful rivers, lakes, mountains, and forests, and by growing and expanding communities right here in Yarrow, in Chilliwack, and up and down the Fraser Valley. We're also surrounded by people with deep needs who struggle with spiritual questions, physical and mental health, difficult economic times, isolation, and loneliness; even our kids and teens are struggling to find meaning, purpose, and direction in life. That's why we believe at Yarrow Alliance – now more than ever – that it's time to act in the Way of Jesus as we seek to bring connection – with one another, our communities and in Christ.

Over the years, as our communities have changed and the times have changed, Yarrow Alliance has had to adapt and innovate. One of the restrictive factors on our ability to meet needs, to grow, and to serve our communities with greater effectiveness has been our aging facility. In the past few years alone, we've experienced numerous flood events in the church basement, run out of adequate space for our kids and youth programs, haven't been able to welcome those needing an accessible building and have lacked adequate gathering spaces for hospitality and relationship building.

The plan that God has impressed on us in response to these limiting factors is to renovate, update and expand our entire facility, bringing it into the 21st century. This is long overdue, and we're very excited that in the spring of 2023, our congregation overwhelmingly voted in favor of proceeding.

Shawn Vickar
Lead Pastor



Yarrow Alliance Church – Executive Summary

Yarrow Alliance Church has a deep and rich history in the small town of Yarrow. Built in 1959 as a church plant by Chilliwack Alliance Church, it has been a much-loved church home to many families over the years. The main sanctuary facility has remained structurally unchanged since construction, save for a few renovations and redecorations. It has become very evident that the lack of a welcoming and gathering space is a real hinderance to ministry.

We have recently completed a storm water management upgrade to the existing building and completed the redecorating of the basement after experiencing repeated floods. This will extend the useful life of the building and prepare us for the next steps in creating facilities that would serve this, and future generations.

The proposed project is primarily a multi-purpose / foyer space along with some renovations and upgrades to the existing sanctuary building. The building proposed will provide for those with mobility challenges, including access to washroom facilities.

The new building will be a single-story wood frame structure built on a concrete foundation. This simple construction method was chosen to be predictable and keep costs in line. There will be a crawlspace under the floor for ease of servicing, while keeping the critical areas of the building well above the flood plain. The roof will be a combination of flat and peak areas, using pre-engineered wood trusses. A 2-hour fire-rated concrete block firewall will separate the new structure from the existing sanctuary building.

Exterior finishes for both the existing and the new will be painted Hardi-board siding. This will involve installing new insulation in the existing walls and replacing the windows and doors. A covered patio facing Yarrow Central Road will be a very inviting space for the church and the community. Site upgrades will include landscaping, driveway access, and parking, as well as upgrades to the main electrical service.

High-level budget price for the project on information we currently have:

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| • New 2200 sq ft multi-purpose space x \$600/sq ft | \$1,320,000 |
| • Kitchen equipment and furnishings | \$50,000 |
| • Additional parking and site work | \$150,000 |
| • Electrical service upgrade | \$75,000 |
| • Exterior finishes (new windows and siding) for existing | \$185,000 |
| • Air conditioning for existing | \$25,000 |
| • Contingency (several unknowns currently) | \$150,000* |

Total budget price **\$1,955,000**



We have engaged Titan Construction as our Project Manager; they have considerable experience in building churches, and we've hired an architectural firm to design and oversee the project. Preliminary plans have been completed, and we have now entered the working drawing phase. This is anticipated to take 3 to 4 months to complete, followed by 3 to 4 months to obtain a building permit. This should allow us to begin construction sometime in April 2024, and we expect construction to take 8 to 10 months to complete.

YAC 2023 Fundraising Campaign Calendar

- October 1st: Video is shown to the congregation in the AM service
- October 3rd: Video is posted on social media.
- October 6th: Video is sent out as an attachment in the weekly newsletter.
- October 8th: Video is shown in service. Jared explains the "why."
- October 11th: Visitation teams finalized and visiting lists compiled.
- October 12th: Prayer guide first draft is shown to the team.
- October 15th: Case for Support distributed in the service.
- October 17th: Mail out Case for Support to those not in the service
- October 19th: Print banquet invites.
- October 22nd: Hand out prayer guide and pledge cards
- October 24th: mail out prayer guides and pledge cards to those not in the service
- October 25th: training night for home visits/home visit schedules finalized.
- October 27th Home and Key Donor visits begin (continue until they are all finished)
- October 29th: video shown in the service / ushers hand out banquet invites, and banquet team explains how to register.
- October 31st: social media post about how to register for the banquet.

- November 3rd: how to get banquet tickets goes out in the Friday newsletter
- November 8th: special "how to get tickets" banquet invite newsletter.
- November 12th: Sermon – It's Time to reflect.
- November 19th: Sermon - It's Time to get ready.
- November 26th: Sermon - It's Time to gather.

- December 3rd: Sermon - It's Time to Give
- December 10th – Sermon - It's Time to Grow
- December 10th – BANQUET! – hand out pledge cards if not already received
- December 17th – bring pledge cards