



King Avenue
United Methodist Church

THE VESSEL

A newsletter to communicate the goals and status of
the Coming Together for Transformation Comprehensive Campaign

**Add your piece of clay
to the transforming vessel!**

**Please plan now to attend
worship online or in person
Sunday November 15th
for Commitment Sunday
as we celebrate our
Coming Together
for Transformation!**



During the past several weeks we have learned a lot about King Avenue's Comprehensive Campaign. We have learned the who, what, where, when, and why in Coming Together for Transformation. We have learned that this is not simply a slogan but a call from God for King Avenue to continue to serve as a visionary leader of Christ's ministry of inclusive love in our community.

Our Coming Together is about:

WHO Us- the King Avenue family!

WHAT Our commitment to live our mission to invite, welcome and honor all people; expand our missional footprint; and preserve our legacy.

WHERE At King Avenue, in us, and in the community.

WHEN In this time in our history when we are faced with the integrity and safety of our church home and on the precipice of major change for our denomination.

WHY To demonstrate our faith, humbly and gratefully, in God's vision of a more just, loving, and inclusive world.

Many of us have also started to think about **HOW** we, as individuals, come together for transformation. We have begun the process of determining what each of us can contribute to this transformation. We have come together in groups to seek knowledge and have prayed for discernment in how we come together to create the vessel God intends us to be. We have studied newsletters and commitment guides. We have asked questions of our leaders and reflected on our blessings. As we continue to consider our contributions, our piece of clay in the transforming vessel, we share the thoughts of those who have responded to how King Avenue brings transformation. We hope you will take some time to yourself and reflect on your blessings and how God can use you to bring transformation to us, to our church and to our community.

DID YOU KNOW?

We serve over
1000 meals per month
as part of our Open Shelter and
Gates/4th mission connections-we serve
our community

We average
11 baptisms per year!
We spread God's love and offer
His grace to ALL

75% of all income
comes from our members &
guests - we support ourselves

Only
**11% of our
annual budget**
goes to building maintenance-we
run a tight ship

We serve over **12**
unaffiliated groups
in our church-we really reach out



Frequently Asked Questions

Below is a sample of some of the most frequently asked questions from our King Avenue family. Please be sure to submit your FAQ by contacting one of the Comprehensive Campaign chairs or King Avenue pastors and staff.

Q: What is happening with the General Church? How will it affect King Avenue?

A: Please click here Reflection on Proposed Separation or visit www.kingave.org to read Pastor Keeny's response Reflection on Proposed Separation.

Q: How will the tech pieces be operated? Do we have volunteers to do this?

A: Trinity UMC in Marblecliff has one of the best online worship ministries in the area. We have met with their personnel concerning operation, hardware, and costs. This ministry would involve a mixture of paid staff and volunteers. The estimate is \$100,000 for three years of staffing. This is the amount we have built into the campaign.

Q: Has any attention been given to going "green"?

A: Yes. Preserving our historic building is one of the most fundamentally green activities we can undertake - "the greenest building is one that already exists." Energility, LLC performed an assessment of our building in the summer of 2019. You may have taken advantage of the home energy audits it offered in partnership with AEP to King Avenue members at that time. Four Energy Conservation Measures (ECM) have been proposed.

- High efficiency boiler - \$240,000 (\$3,200 annual savings)
- New ductless mini split system on the east side - \$140,000 (\$2,200 annual savings)
- Retrocommission mechanical systems - \$31,000 (\$1,700 annual savings)
- Upgrade interior lighting to LED - \$92,500 (\$3,700 annual savings)
- Rebuild existing windows and repair storms - \$360,000 (\$580 annual savings)

Q: How can I get a mailing that I did not receive?

A: Versions of all hard copy mailings are on the campaign page on our website, www.kingave.org

For an updated list of FAQ related to the Comprehensive Campaign please visit <http://www.kingave.org>



“King Avenue transforms lives by being present to listen, prayerfully consider Christ based directions, and partner to accompany God’s Children in achieving metamorphosis.”

Mike Horvath

“King Avenue has shaped my life by providing a place where I can worship – freely, honestly and openly – with my husband.”

Mark Brown



“King Avenue transforms lives by being the hope of transformation, growth, sustenance, and renewal. Here a diverse community consciously embodies openness, service, and love.”

Garett Heysel



“King Avenue transforms lives by renewing my faith in a God that is loving and generous... by showing me once again that love wins...”

Stacy Pilutti

“King Avenue transforms lives by really meaning “All Are Welcome in This Place.”

Mary McCullough



Let us continue to pray:

“Lord we ask that You would give us wisdom to know what to give, when to give and whom to give to. Lord change our attitude towards giving, knowing that all things come from You and it is from the over-abundance of the bountiful supply that You have graciously poured into our laps, that we are giving back to You. Lord give us a giving heart, a generous heart, a grateful heart. Develop in us a heart that is filled with thanks and praise to You, for all that You have done for us. Hear our prayer, Lord. We ask this in Jesus’ name.”

“King Avenue transforms lives through acceptance.”

Sawyer Thompson



DID YOU KNOW?

There are a total of 32 projects earmarked for completion from the Comprehensive Campaign

68% of the total number of projects impact Accessibility & Welcoming or Ministries and Missions Expansion.

We focus on sharing the “King Avenue Way” with our community

100% of the proposed Infrastructure Upgrades and Repairs have been assessed for environmental sustainability using energy conservation measures (ECM). We care about our environment and our efficiency.



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Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors.

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“We will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, ... that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and rise up and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God ...”