



Long-Term Planning Committee (LTPC) Report Annual Parish Meeting January 26, 2025

Mission Statement

The LTPC was established to create a comprehensive plan for building a new Orthodox temple on our property in Berlin, MD. The Parish Body unanimously approved this mission statement at the 2019 Annual Meeting:

“With the grace of God and to His glory, the Long-Term Planning Committee will prepare a plan for the Christ the Savior Parish’s capital improvements, with the primary goal being the construction of a new church temple in accordance with the Tradition of the Orthodox Church.”

Members: Tom Mathews (Chair), Justin DeArmitt, Anya Drobish, Beth and Joe Dunbar, Edward Hill, Cheryl Kokkinos, Georgianne Mathews, Patricia McAlpin, Constantine Mitsopoulos, Larry Perrone, Marian Ridge

2024 Activities and Progress

- **Completion of Wetland Delineation**
In April 2024, Spencer Rowe completed a wetland delineation for the site of the new church and expanded parking.
- **Raising Funds for Site Plan Development**
We successfully raised \$35,000 in 2024 for the development of the site plan for the new church; a substantial portion was given in memory of Matushka Annice.
- **Creation of the Building Program Section on Our Website**
A dedicated section was launched on our website for the building program. This section includes an overview of the project, historical background, LTPC reports, news updates, a link to the survey, and a place to donate online:
orthodoxdelmarva.org/build

- **Letter to the Parish Body**

On January 5, 2025, a letter was sent to the parish body updating them on the status of the building project, highlighting the 25th Anniversary celebrations, and encouraging participation in the building survey and the \$100K Matching Donation.

Income and Expense Overview

	Raised	Spent	Details
Site Plan Development	\$35,150	\$3,566	Funds for site plan development, including surveyor payment and wetland delineation.
100K Matching Donation	\$10,895	-	Toward the \$100,000 matching donation goal, to be matched in 2025 for \$200,000.

Funding the New Temple

Preliminary research suggests that constructing a new temple will cost approximately \$350–\$600 per square foot. A 4,000-square-foot temple, designed to accommodate 225 people, is estimated to cost between \$1.4 and \$2.4 million.

To reduce initial expenses and facilitate earlier use of the building, options for furnishing the temple after construction and occupancy can be explored.

With \$200,000 already raised through the matching donation, additional fundraising will be necessary to meet the remaining costs. We anticipate the need to secure a mortgage or private loan under reasonable terms.

Goals for 2025

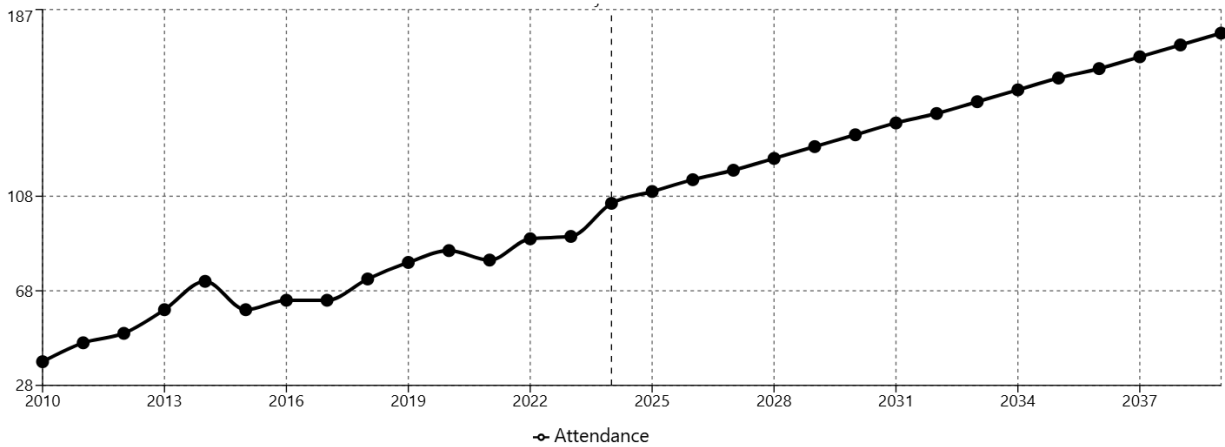
1. Reach the \$100K Matching Donation goal
2. Complete the Site Plan and receive county approval
3. Review responses to the Building Survey
4. Research/select designers, architects, builders, and other professionals
5. More accurately discern costs for the project in stages and in totality
6. Develop a funding plan: raising capital and considering mortgage options
7. Prepare a presentation for the 25th Anniversary celebration

How You Can Help

1. Donate to the \$100K Matching Donation Fund
2. Fill out the Building Survey
3. Volunteer or Participate in the Process
4. Become More Active and Invite Others to CTS

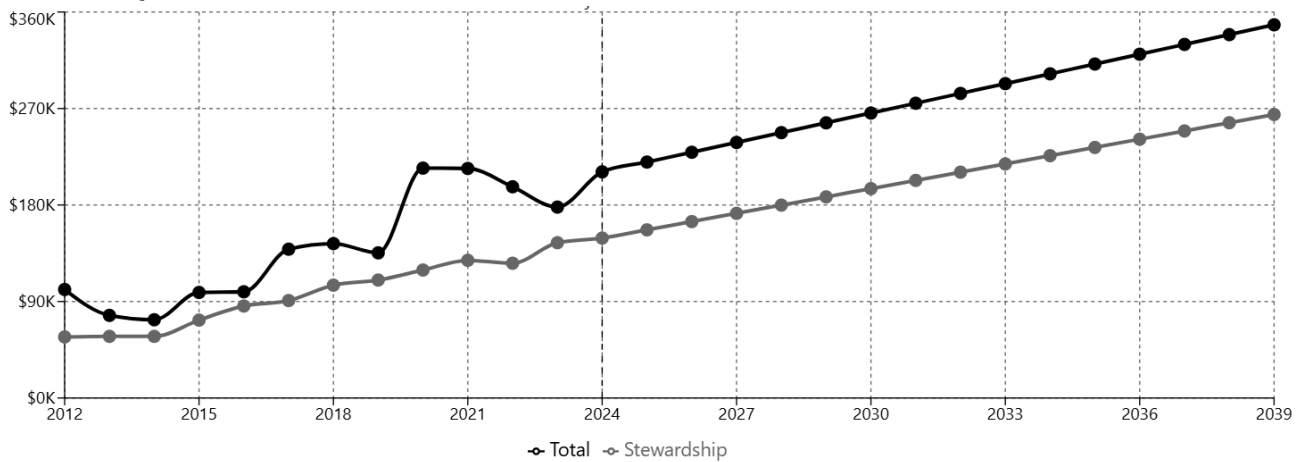
Projections Based Upon Growth Rate

Average Attendance (2010-2039)



Year	Attendance
2029	129
2034	153
2039	177

Stewardship and Total Donations (2012-2039)



Year	Stewardship	Total
2029	\$187,565	\$256,621
2034	\$225,989	\$302,338
2039	\$264,412	\$348,055