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Jeremiah 29:7



Open the Door Progress Report

May 3, 2015

An Update from the Board of Elders

We believe we are a part of Jesus' continuing plan to transform people in Cochrane and beyond. Although the Holy Spirit is not bound to sacred space—we are now seeing him work on playgrounds, in neighbourhoods, homes, schools and gymnasiums all over town—our church building is nonetheless an important tool enabling us to carry out our ministry. We want to open the doors of this facility and open our lives for deeper ministry in this community.

As a church family, we've decided that the time has come to improve our facility. We need better space to house our kid's ministry, our growing staff team, and to "Open the Door" more widely to individuals and groups around us. Last spring, we asked an architectural firm to develop a plan that would help us maximize use of this property. At the 2014 AGM, members approved that plan knowing that it cost about \$5 million. After the first phase of our fundraising campaign in fall, the Board of Elders concluded that we have capacity for a project of about \$4 million.

In February, we went back to our architects and asked them to revise the plans to meet our budget and vision. Those new plans were presented in April to the Board and the Building Committee and received their unanimous approval. The next critical step is to bring them back to the church body for review and, hopefully, your approval. **This will take place at a Special General Meeting (SGM) on May 24 at 1:30pm.** Please plan to attend and help us take this important and exciting step!

Of course, there is still a lot of work ahead of us. The *Open the Door* funding campaign is still active and we would like full participation from our Church family. Everybody can give something. While your capacity to give is not our concern, your willingness to give certainly is. We invite those who have not yet registered their commitment to wait no longer; pledge forms are available at the church office and online at cochranealliance.com/open-the-door.

Please pray for wisdom, unity and God's provision as we prepare for the May 24th SGM.

With expectation,

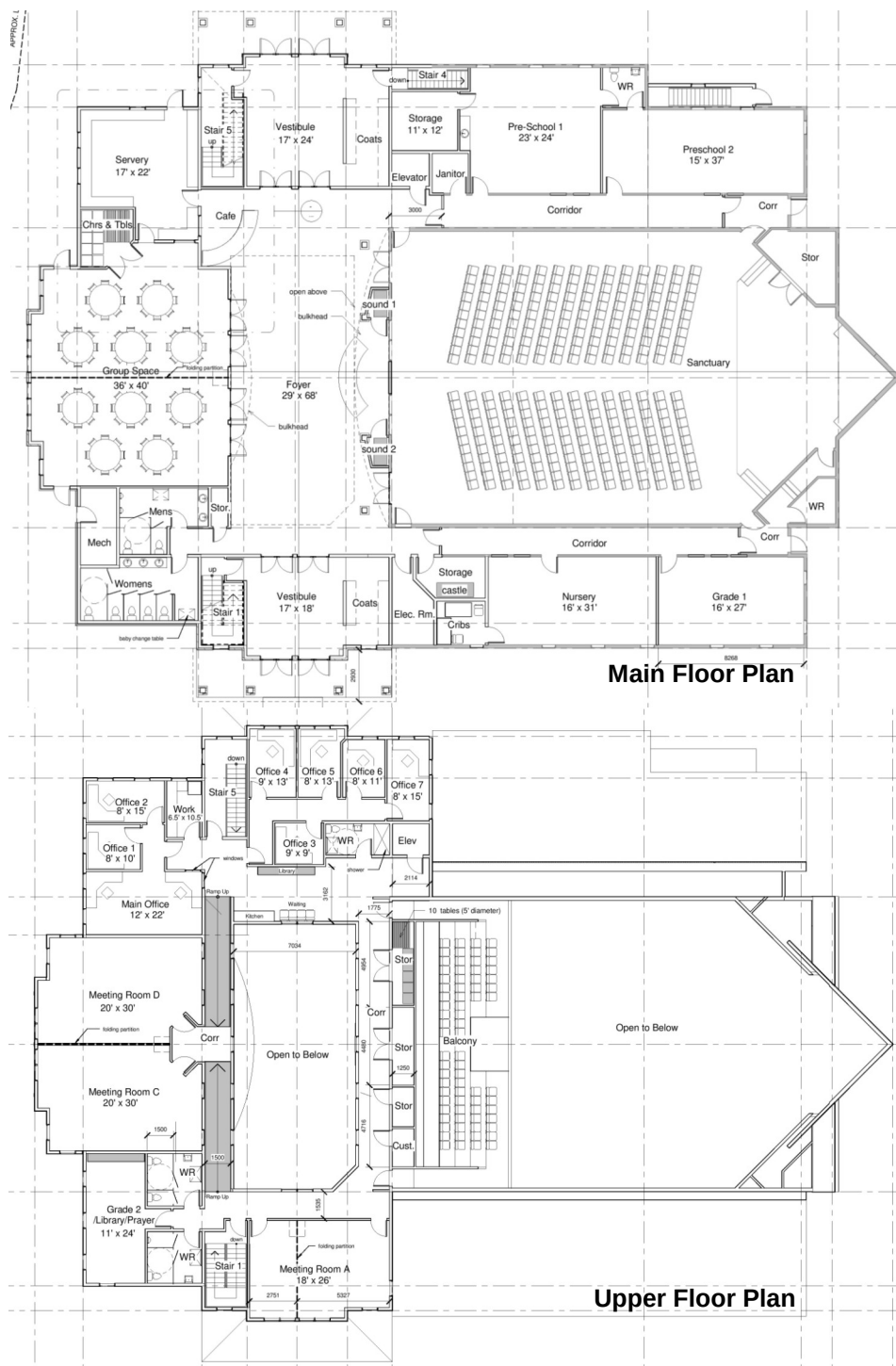
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Cochrane Alliance Church



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PROPOSED BUILDING PLANS



OPEN THE DOOR Campaign Update

Commitments pledged to date:

Total Pledges \$ 2,010,250

Total Pledgers: 128

Commitment cards can continue to be dropped off at the office or placed in the offering. They can also be emailed to yolanda@cochranealliance.com. Commitment cards and other Open the Door information can be accessed on our website:

cochranealliance.com/open-the-door

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

May 24, 2015

1:30pm in the sanctuary

Larger Plans available for viewing on our website at
www.cochranealliance.com

**under OPEN THE DOOR
or on the wall in the foyer.**

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