

# Understanding the 2026 Building Expansion Process

## What is this process?

This is a two-fold journey of faith involving a **Vote of Approval** and a **Faith Pledge**.

- **The Vote:** The primary focus for the **March 29 AGM** is your vote. This is your voice on our ministry direction. **Please note that only official members of South Gate Alliance Church may cast a vote.**
- **The Faith Pledge:** While voting is limited to members, **pledges are open to everyone** who calls SGA their home—members and adherents alike. We provide the pledge form now for those wishing to commit in advance of our formal campaign.

## The Requirement for Unity

While our local church bylaws only require a simple majority (50% + 1) to pass a motion, the Board of Elders (BOE) has set a higher standard for this project:

- **District Expectations:** The Christian and Missionary Alliance (C&MA) District typically looks for at least a **two-thirds (2/3 or 67%)** majority in favor before approving significant building projects or loans.
- **SGA's Commitment to Unity:** To ensure we are moving forward with a clear "one-accord" spirit and seeking God's definitive will for our church family, **the BOE requires a minimum of 80% of member votes in favor to proceed.**

## A Scriptural Reflection: Faith and Action

1. **The Vision:** *"Go up to the mountains, bring wood and rebuild the temple, that I may be pleased with it and be glorified," says the Lord. (Haggai 1:8)*
2. **The Response:** *"In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead." (James 2:17)*

The **Vote** is our collective **faith**; the **Pledge** is the **action** that brings it to life.

## How does it work?

- **Confidentiality:** The BOE respects the confidentiality of all donors; your pledge amount is kept private.
- **No Pressure:** Please feel no pressure regarding the amount. This commitment is ultimately **between you and God**. Every act of support is a vital part of our family.
- **Grace:** Pledges are made "as the Lord makes possible" and may be revised or suspended if your circumstances shift.

## How to Complete Your Forms

1. **The Ballot (Members Only):** Mark your "Yes" or "No" to the project proposal. **Note: Only ballots marked clearly as "Yes" or "No" will be considered valid to be counted.**
2. **The Pledge (Open to All):** If you feel led to commit, indicate your total intent for the period ending in 2029.
3. **Return:** Please place your completed forms in the **church offering box** or return them to the church office.

## Administrative Notes

- **Tax Receipts:** Receipts for income tax purposes will be issued for all funds received up to and including December 31 of each year.
- **Payment:** Please make cheques payable to **South Gate Alliance** (Designated: **Building Fund**).