

Making Hamilton Mennonite Church an Accessible and Welcoming Place

We at Hamilton Mennonite Church thank God for our church community and our building. Originally built by church members and added onto over the years, it's time to renovate again. We are making the front entrance accessible and more welcoming for all. It's an important project, meant to ensure that people of all ages and abilities can enter our building with dignity – a fitting part of celebrating HMC's 75th anniversary.

At the last Annual General Meeting, it was agreed that HMC engage an architect to help develop a plan to improve the accessibility of our building.

Working with local architectural firm Invizij, the HMC Accessibility Committee has developed a beautiful, and functional design for the main entrance to our church building. This upgraded entrance would serve our community for years to come.

Ideally, construction would begin in the spring of 2027 and be completed in the early fall. Before we get started with building, we need membership approval.

Our fundraising goal for this project is **\$350,000** and we are pleased to announce that with some very generous early fundraising efforts, **\$285,000** has already been raised. That's more than **80%** of our goal.

As you are able, we are asking for help to raise the remaining amount. If desired, pledges may be donated over three years to the "Creating Accessibility Fund". Any funds received in excess of our goal will be used to improve accessibility in other areas of the building. (Note that bank financing will be available if needed to cover any small gap between funds raised and actual costs.)

In order to keep costs manageable, we plan to do some of the work ourselves. We have a talented and able congregation. There will be many opportunities for building community; swinging a hammer, installing drywall, painting, planting garden spaces. **Think about how you might join in and let us know.**

Thank you for your faithful generosity. Together we can maintain our building as an accessible place of worship and welcome.

