

FAQ



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How will Grow Together be managed (details, decisions, logistics)?

A building committee has been established to provide leadership and oversight throughout the entirety of the project. The committee is comprised of nominated congregants with experience in design, construction, and project management, as well as our Senior Pastor, Executive Director, and Facilities Director.

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How were the Grow Together estimates calculated and do they account for inflation?

Project estimates for *Grow Together* were compiled by a team of AHUMC staff and members with professional experience and education in architecture, design, and construction. The estimates account for project inflation but they will be continually refined as *Grow Together* moves forward.

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Do the Grow Together estimates include fees and contingencies?

Yes, the estimates include all the necessary consultant, architectural, and professional fees, as well as contingencies for inflation and potential construction cost increases.

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How does Grow Together invite all to get involved?

Grow Together is for everyone. Each part of this journey will include open invitations to support and serve. From listening and project management to fundraising and prayer, we need all sorts of gifts and offerings. If you are uncertain how you can help, please contact us. We would love to dialogue and find the best place for you to participate. The only way we grow is together.

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How will *Grow Together* construction impact AHUMC ministries and services?

The *Grow Together* committee will work with our staff, designers, and contractors to schedule all needed construction with as little disruption as possible. The size of our campus will allow us to temporarily relocate ministries and initiatives as needed. We also intend to capitalize on seasonal rhythms to ensure worship services and liturgical holidays are not impacted.

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What happens if we do not reach our fundraising goal—will AHUMC borrow money?

The short answer is maybe. As pledges and donations come in over the next three years, the pace of the project may require temporary construction loans. Our hope and belief, however, is that our community can and will fund *Grow Together* completely, and the church will incur no lasting debt.

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What are our annual maintenance costs and how do we plan to handle future maintenance needs?

The annual maintenance and repair budget for our campus is \$200,000. Each year, our Trustees and our Finance Committee evaluate ordinary maintenance needs and any likely major repairs. While ordinary maintenance needs are funded by the annual operating budget, major repairs draw on an invested capital expenditure fund. One goal of *Grow Together* is to establish a new fund that will provide for maintenance and repair needs due to weather or natural disasters.

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What is the timeline for *Grow Together*?

Our estimated timeline for *Grow Together* is three years. While there is much to be done—from fundraising to final installation—we are confident in the ability of our community to get the needed work done.

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Why has the Atrium Terrace project already begun?

The Atrium Terrace project was funded by a special gift to the church. Our architects are already at work and we hope to break ground later in the Spring!

