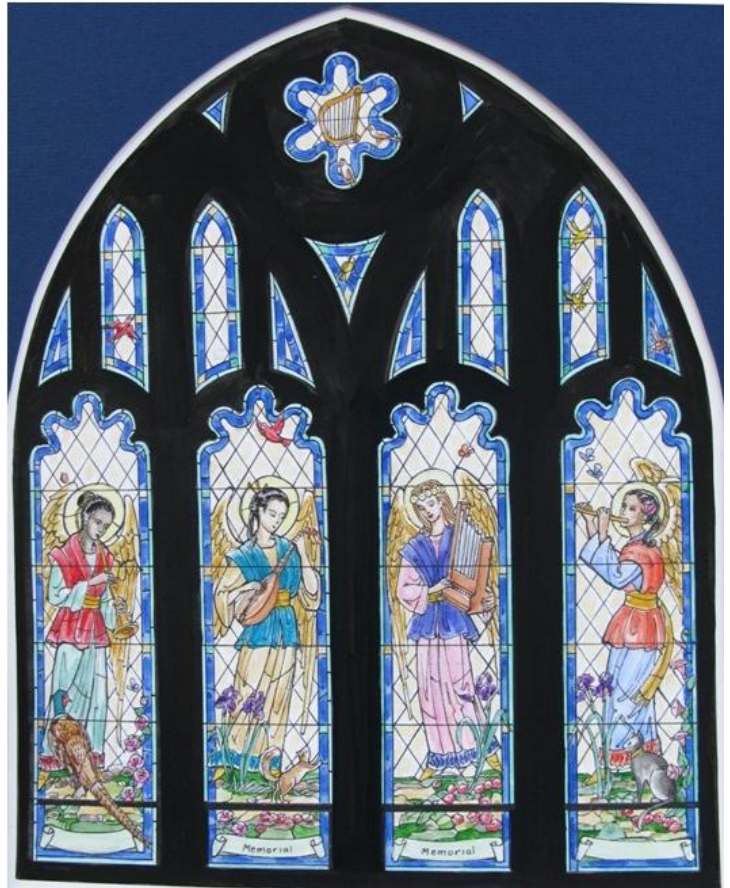


## ***FAQ's Frequently Asked Questions***

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### **1. Why put in stained glass now? Economic times are tough!**

When we had the windows professionally assessed, the sanctuary diamond-paned windows were all marked "Priority One" for replacement, as they are bowing out of the building and could fail at any time. We have already been blessed with the donation of five new stained glass memorial windows. The only two remaining diamond panes in the sanctuary are the north and south windows. Since these windows must be replaced anyway at a cost of \$85K, now is the correct time to consider "upgrading" to stained glass for an additional \$52K per window. If we replace in "plain" glass only and decide to upgrade in two years, the \$85K funding from the Trustees will have to be paid again.



### **2. Why can't the Trustees give more?**

It was proposed to the church council that endowment funds be used to fully fund at least one of the large windows. The trustees are contributing 45% of the total costs for full stained glass of both windows (100% of plain glass). Given other church priorities, the church council deferred giving additional support, recommending that endowment funds be reserved for other purposes.

### **3. Why not replace the remaining windows in plain glass and just be done?**

This is exactly what will happen if we do not raise sufficient incremental funds via pledges to upgrade to stained glass. The opportunity now is to take advantage of the trustee commitment and make the incremental costs to the congregation significantly less.

**4. Can I give my donation as a memorial?**

You may donate any amount in memory of, or in honor of, a loved one. These donations will be recorded in a book that will become a permanent part of the church archives. If interested in a memorial panel with an inscription in the sanctuary, a donation of one whole lancet at a cost of \$24,000 is required.

**5. I have seen the design for the South window (on the first page of FAQs) What is the design for the North Window?**

The North window will only be designed in stained glass if we receive enough pledges to cover the cost of this window. It would be based on a Psalm (like the other new windows) and consistent with traditional stained glass designs. You are welcome to suggest your favorite Psalm (or to provide any other input) to the Aesthetics committee. Important to note, the Aesthetics Committee is the group within the church that will make the final design decision on behalf of the entire congregation.

**6. I thought that five of the smaller windows had been donated as stained glass memorials. I see the two beautiful windows as you enter the sanctuary from Wesley hall. What happened to the other three small windows in the south end of the sanctuary?**

The three windows to the right of the main pulpit are being built right now. They will be installed when the weather cooperates.

**7. When do I send in money to support the project?**

Right now, we are not asking for any money. We are communicating the recommendation and informing the congregation of the actions ahead. Once the pledge mailing is sent, you will be able to indicate your desire specifically. After that point, and once we know the level of support for the project, we will be able to communicate to all members who have pledged support on when and how to provide for your pledge commitment.

**8. What level of support is the committee looking for?**

a. Given the trustee commitment of \$85K, an incremental \$100K investment is required to fully revitalize both windows in Stained glass. If 100 members pledge \$1000, our goal is met. Note, this \$1000 is a pledge amount to be paid over three years....only \$333 per year. Of course, any amount is welcome and encouraged.

b. As indicated previously, memorial gifts or other specialized giving is available.

**9. Can all pledges be paid over three years?**

- a. Yes and No...
- b. Yes...for any pledge amount of \$500 or greater, you will be able to fulfill this commitment over a three year period
- c. No...we would request that all pledges less than \$500 be paid in full once the windows are confirmed.

**10. What happens if we don't raise enough funds for full stained glass?**

- a. Given the design is already completed for the South Window and once enough funds are pledged to support it, that window that would be upgraded and work will progress. Subsequently, if sufficient funds were not pledged for the either North or South window, a decision would be made to move forward with plain glass only.
- b. Prior to finalizing that decision, the committee would share current status with the congregation to ensure no other funding sources are available.

**11. How do I share my ideas directly with the committee?**

- a. There are several avenues to share your ideas and suggestions on this topic:
- b. Contact Stained Glass Committee members directly with specific questions:  
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**12. What other sources of funding are available other than individual pledges?**

- a. Consideration by the committee is ongoing...a targeted auction event (similar to Men's Auctions in the past) is an option with all proceeds benefiting the Stain Glass Window Upgrade Fund
- b. A limited amount of money may be available from the Memorial fund.