

# EXPANDING OUR REACH

PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECTS

NORTH SHORE
ALLIANCE CHURCH





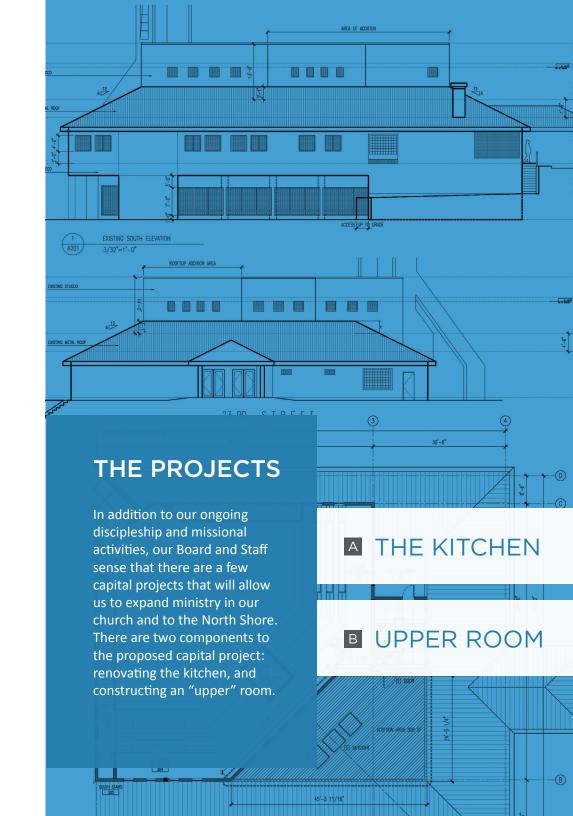


### **OUR HISTORY**

In 1950, a missional movement began in Horseshoe Bay. A core group of women had a burden for children in their neighbourhood and they began a Sunday School—this led to the creation of the church we now call North Shore Alliance.

In 1982, a congregation of 70 people had a vision to build a facility that would support over 500—they wanted to reach out to the entire North Shore. In 1986, NSA broke ground on

its current site and has never looked back. The Lonsdale corridor functions like an ancient marketplace—the place where food, business, entertainment, and neighbourhood meets. We believe that God chose our present location—one block east of Lonsdale—so that we could live out our mission in the centre of the marketplace. For nearly 30 years, NSA has embraced this calling and we are praying for greater fruitfulness in the years to come.





The kitchen is one of the most important and strategic rooms in a house: the kitchen helps a house to become a home. A shared meal at NSA allows our diverse community to share our lives with one another and grow together in Christ.

Our ability to facilitate community gatherings is severely limited by our present kitchen. We want to welcome guests who attend weddings, funerals, and community events to enjoy a meal, conversation, and experience a sense of belonging. We lack the

required "Food Safe" designation to serve outside guests. We also lack the equipment to make our kitchen functional in preparing, serving, and cleaning up meals for large groups of people.

A renovated kitchen will also provide congregants and guests new opportunities to gather. It would allow us to prepare occasional meals for ministries like Coffee Time, and to explore the possibility of a "community kitchen" ministry.

Our building is in constant use; every night of the week children, students, and adults gather. As we gather to worship and pray, to be taught, mentored, or counselled, people are becoming more like Jesus. But we regularly experience scheduling conflicts; there is not enough space for the different groups to meet.

An upper room, constructed above the foyer, will create a mid-sized space for up to 60 people. This room would immediately impact our Children's, Preteen, Youth, and Women's ministries. This room would also create space for our sister church the Iranian Alliance Church—as they continue to reach Iranians on the North Shore.







## THE VISION OF NSA CORRESPONDS TO 3 IMAGES

- <sup>1</sup> A HOME
- 2 A PLACE TO APPRENTICE
- 3 AN AIRPORT

#### A HOME

The word "home" evokes images of shelter, shared meals, family relationships, and a place to belong. In a good home, people give and receive love, individuals are valued and celebrated, forgiveness is practiced, and everyone makes a contribution. God invites people to join His family, and the church (NSA) becomes a home to those who respond.

A home can also be a place to rest, recover, and heal. NSA is a place that prayerfully journeys with people who are experiencing physical illness, mental illness, addiction, rejection, loss of a loved one, or divorce. As we pray, God is meeting people at their place of need. We are also providing settings where people who are marginalized can experience love, support, and practical help.

#### A PLACE TO APPRENTICE

The word "apprentice" evokes images of learning on the job, growing, and changing. Christians are disciples—apprentices in training—with the goal being to one day know what Jesus knew, say what He said, and do what He did. We are providing environments where people can grow in their knowledge and experience of Jesus. We are

teaching people to think biblically, to keep in step with the Holy Spirit, and practice the spiritual disciplines. We are equipping people for ministry through the discovery of spiritual gifts, and creating opportunities to serve. We are developing lay leaders and future missionaries to join in God's kingdom work.

#### AN AIRPORT

The word "airport" evokes images of new places, people, and adventures. An airport isn't a destination, it's a launching pad from which we are sent out. NSA is like an airport in that we gather together and send people out on mission. Love for God and love for neighbour goes hand in hand—this has been our DNA from the very beginning. We employ a relational strategy of evangelism in order to

reach family, friends, and neighbours. We are building intentional bridges into the community through Coffee Time, CityFest, school BBQ's, Community Christmas Dinner, a new Community Housing Project, and Summer camps. We are actively cultivating partnerships—locally and globally—to bring the good news of Jesus across the street and around the world.

### THE INVITATION

Please prayerfully consider your involvement in this project. The total cost of the two projects is \$380-\$400k.

We are asking you to consider giving above and beyond your regular offering to NSAC. The gifts can be given as one time gifts or pledged as monthly gifts for a period of 24 months. Gifts can be given by cheque, cash, credit card, pre-authorized deposit, securities, or online. We invite you to prayerfully consider supporting our building project.



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