

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is ENLARGE?

ENLARGE is a capital campaign initiative in which we as a church rally together for the next stage of our journey, believing God to broaden our hearts, expand our vision, and enlarge our home, deepening our faith and growing our love for God, for each other, and for Taiwan and beyond. We believe this campaign will significantly raise both the faith and finances necessary to advance God's work through Every Nation Taipei.

2. What is the biblical basis for a capital campaign?

The Biblical basis for capital campaigns for a meeting space can be found in:

- Moses building the tent of the Tabernacle (Exodus chapters 25:2,8; 35:20-21; 36:6-7)
- David preparing to build the temple (1 Chronicles 29:2-9)

One of the key verses for a capital campaign is found within the largest passage on money and giving in the Bible, 2 Corinthians 8-9.

"And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, you may have an abundance for every good work" (2 Cor. 9:8).

This verse teaches that God's abundant grace enables abundant giving which results in accomplishing abundant work. We named our capital campaign program from the truths in this verse.

Another key verse is Romans 10:17, "For faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."

In a capital campaign, we ask people to step out in faith according to how they believe God is leading them. And this faith can only be developed by the clear teaching of God's word.

3. What are the primary goals of 'ENLARGE'?

To finance the physical relocation and spiritual growth of EN-Taipei.

4. Why are we moving?

The current location where the church meets will be torn down this year and the last day for us to move out is June 30.

5. When will the campaign begin and how long will it last?

First Collection: Sunday, 19th May, 2024

Ends on: Sunday, 10th May, 2026.

6. What can I do to help?

The first commitment is to pray. Pray for the church to be salt and light and to raise and send laborers into the harvest field at home and abroad. Ask God to grow your faith and your fruitfulness.

The second is to ask God what he would have you believe to be able to give in the capital campaign, in your initial gift and your faith commitment.

Lastly, seek God to deepen your faith in God and love for his church.

7. How much should I give?

This is between you and God. God has blessed each of us differently and each of us should seek God as to what amount he would want us to. We do believe that your giving should require faith and sacrifice. Faith, because faith is required to please God, and sacrifice because following Jesus requires us to lay down our lives. May God grow us into a mighty church. Our deep desire is that every one of us would in our faith and sacrifice with God. We believe that the amount God asks you to give will require both faith and sacrifice and result in growth in your walk with him. Our goal is not equal gifts, but equal sacrifice and obedience

8. When and how will we make our financial commitments?

This Sunday, 19th May, 2024 will be the target day to start receiving commitments, but you can make your commitment whenever you feel ready over the two years of the campaign. We will make our commitments by turning in a filled-in and signed 'financial commitment card'. You will want to fill in a second card to keep for yourself. For couples and families, if you give jointly, then we suggest a joint financial commitment card. If you give separately, then we suggest separate cards. This is a great time to teach your children the principles of giving and faith. Further donations can be given and financial commitments

fulfilled for a period of two years. You can also download this <u>digital commitment</u> <u>card</u> and turn in the completed form via email at <u>entaipei@gmail.com</u>. (Please note that you can only fill in the pdf on a computer, not on a mobile device.)

9. Will I be able to revise my commitment?

Your commitment, made prayerfully, is between you and God. It is a faith venture and an opportunity to grow in your relationship with God. You may increase or decrease your financial commitment, as your you feel led, by notifying one of the SLT (Servant Leadership Team).

10. Why are we asking for financial commitments? Can I give without committing?

A financial commitment is a 'faith promise' between us and God. It helps us to learn how to hear God, commit to his direction, and be faithful to our commitments. We ask that you make this financial commitment to help us develop a budget and plan for the future. However, you are more than welcome to give without making a commitment as the Lord leads you. In the end, we believe that all that we have comes from the Lord and is his to direct as he so chooses. Our part is to listen and obey.

11. How do we make donations to ENLARGE?

The first donations will be received on 19th May, 2024. You may complete your commitment weekly, monthly, yearly, or at other intervals, or you may complete your financial commitment as a lump sum at any time. You may pay your financial commitment along with your regular offerings using the same envelopes, by electronic transfer, or by regular credit-card payments. Simply indicate on the envelope or check or online memo the amount for ENLARGE.

12. Will my gift be tax deductible?

Yes, contributions to the campaign are charitable contributions in the year in which the payment is made, just as are your regular gifts to the church. If you have not registered for a tax receipt, you must do so in order to receive a record of your contributions for tax purposes. Here is the link to register: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe5Ptdg5dfI xxTAa7rYT0S t5sfuUud DJc3HjNPawzlxlbRQ/viewform?usp=sf link

Alternatively, you can send the following information to this email address: entaipei@gmail.com

Full Name:

ID No./ARC No:

Address:

Bank account last 5 digits:

(If you have ever made a remittance via bank transfer)

13. How much money are we trying to raise?

Our goal is NT\$8 million.

- NT\$6 million for rent (projected to be NT\$250k/mo for 2 years).
- NT\$1.2 million for renovation and moving costs.
- NT\$800k (10%) for ministry outside of EN-Taipei.

14. What if we raise more than NT\$8 million?

The extra will be kept in a fund for future property-related costs such as repairs, improvements, or relocations.

15. What if we raise less than NT\$8 million?

We will prioritize essential moving and renovation costs and still honor the Lord by setting aside 10% to be given as an offering to ministries outside of EN-Taipei.

16. Why are we giving 10% as an offering?

We believe that there is a biblical principle of giving a portion of all that we earn or receive back to the Lord. In scripture and historic church practice, this offering was 10% or a tithe of all that was received.

17. Will my financial commitment be made public?

Your gifts and financial commitments will be confidential. Our Finance Team will record all specific contributions and financial commitments and that information will only be available to our Elders. Some members may choose to share testimonies regarding how God has blessed their life through their participation in ENLARGE but these testimonies will be totally voluntary and not required of anyone.

18. Should I redirect my regular giving to the campaign?

No. We ask that you maintain your contributions to the regular budget, while giving sacrificially to ENLARGE. Your gifts to ENLARGE should be over and above any regular tithes and offerings.

19. Will gifts other than cash be acceptable?

Possibly. Please send us an email at entaipei@gmail.com with a brief description of the type of donation you'd like to make as well as a way to contact you.

20. How will the money raised in ENLARGE be managed?

Funds raised will be put in a designated fund that will only be used for property-related costs.