# SEQUANOTA LUTHERAN CONFERENCE CENTER AND CAMP



**MARCH 2019** 

# FRAMING FAITH for the FUTURE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

## Campaign Progress

In 2019 Sequanota celebrates 72 years of ministry! This ministry was founded by the congregations of the Allegheny Synod to be a place of faith formation for children, youth, and adults. Over those years, we have done incredible work together. Our working together makes this ministry happen.

Since Sequanota was built, we have only run two capital campaigns to maintain or upgrade our camp and retreat home. This current campaign has been our most successful campaign. Thank you to all our donors, who have partnered with us to help shape Sequanota for the next generations of faith formation in the church!

The Framing Faith for the Future campaign launched in 2014. At present, the campaign is over halfway completed with half of the synod's

congregations visited by campaign volunteers and over \$782,000 pledged. The Sequanota board of directors' goal is to reach \$1.2 million. We now expect it will take ten years to reach the goal.

Thank you for your contributions to Sequanota's Framing Faith for the Future Capital Campaign. We recognize the need to do a more effective job of sharing all the progress that has been made at camp and now plan to send an annual update to all Sequanota supporters.

We are now in between phase 2 and phase 3 in this campaign, and we look to 2024 as the close of the campaign. Included in this update are some of the biggest projects we have successfully completed in the past five years because of contributions like yours.



The pool is iconic and almost one of a kind. This is the biggest project of the campaign with projects totaling over \$400,000. The board of directors felt renovating this pool was important to continue as a huge asset of the camp. The pool is used for cooling off, free time, swimming lessons, games, and special worship services.

# Campaign Projects

The projects in **green** have been completed through the gifts given to the capital campaign. We have accomplished a lot in the last five years. There are noticeable improvements to the entire facility, and this is reason to celebrate! However, we are not done. The projects in **black** still need to be funded, so the Framing Faith for the Future capital campaign continues.

#### Swimming Pool

- Filter system 2016
- Move electrical panel 2016
- Demo old block building 2016
- Bury waste water line 2016
- Install a new main valve 2016
- Replace asphalt pool deck 2016
- Trees cut down 2016
- New sewer/water lines 2016
- New bathhouse
- Replace fencing
- Parking area and walking area
- Demo old bathhouse & sewer line
- French drains to move ground water

#### **Bowersox Enrichment Center**

- Walkway & flower bed landscaping 2015
- Bedroom & common room furniture 2016
- Paint common areas, all bedrooms& all bathrooms 2015-2017
- LED & Emergency lights throughout 2016
- Flooring installed 2017
- Hot water heaters replaced 2013/2016
- Replace washing machine & dryer 2018
- Heat pumps
- 15 queen beds
- Replace dishwashing machine
- Repair Bowersox Center sidewalk

#### Dining Hall

- Interior paint 2015
- New fridge & freezer 2016
- New convection oven
- Redo entranceways
- New vaulted ceilings
- New kitchen windows & wall insulation
- New siding and new roof
- Renovate old shop to health care center

#### Cabins

- Cabins 1, 2, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 painted '15-18
- Director's cabin renovated 2016
- Cabins 8 & 12 heaters 2016
- Cabins 9 & 14 heaters 2019
- Interior paint, curtains, bathroom updates, lights 3, 4, 6, 7, 14, boys staff, women's fac.
- Update bathrooms and hot water heaters



The Bowersox Center was built in 1979 and had not seen a major renovation in its history. The facility is again a welcoming and inviting space with bright lights, comfy furniture, and beautiful flooring. One of the big trends we see is fewer families in Sunday School, but we all know we still need time for faith formation. Could there be a new model out there that invites families and congregation leaders to come for a weekend and inspire each other in our faith lives? We think so!













#### Main Camp

- Create Garden 2016
- 235 trees removed/stumps- 2016-2018
- Enclose the 2 new garages 2018
- Director's house side entrance 2018

#### Waste Water plant

- New chlorine system 2018
- Repair bell syphon 2016
- New sand on filter 2018
- Reposition bell syphons
- French drains: office, main field, BC 2019
- Tree cutting in wooden cabins
- Stump removal
- Wood Cabins electric underground
- New Shop with 3 garage bays
- Energy efficiency solar or micro hydro
- Equipment- Brush hog, truck (2016)
- Director's house basement steps
- Large Pavilion concrete pad
- Pavilion @ outpost
- Dock @ reservoir

#### **New Roofs**

- Nature Lodge 2017 (Eagle scout project)
- Faculty Buildings (2) 2018
- Director's Cabin 2016
- Cabin 8 2017
- Small Pavilion 2018
- Sport Shed 2016
- 2 Adirondacks at outpost
- Boy's Staff, Cabins 6, 11
- Large Pavilion

#### Road projects

- Bowersox Center circle repaved 2016
- Main entrance paving & drainage 2016
- Pickings Run bridge replaced- 2018
- Paving over new bridge

#### **Exterior LED Lighting**

- Lighting around stone cabins (3) 2016
- Lighting around wood cabins (4) 2017
- Bowersox parking lot(2) 2018
- Office & dining hall (4)
- Large pavilion (1)

One of the significant main camp projects was making repairs to our waste water treatment system. This was much needed but unglamorous, hence no pictures. :) Three major projects remain and include building a new shop, a new pool bath house, and renovations to the dining hall which will include a new health care area.

# Sequanota is most grateful for the generous gifts of the many

donors that support this important ministry. Therefore every gift, regardless of size, will be acknowledged. Thank you for your support.

### Congregations of the Allegheny Synod

have come together to support the Framing Faith for the Future capital campaign. Below are totals from parishes that have run the campaign and made pledge committments. Most of the totals are comprised of pledges made by individual members from congregations. Look at how those individual gifts add up to make a big splash!

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#### \$20.000+

\$33,700 Friedens Lutheran

\$26,018 Journey in Faith Parish - St. Paul, Horner, Zion Hoffman, St. Mark

\$24,251 St. David's, Davidsville

\$30,000 St. Luke, Centre Hall

\$21,810 Zion, Hollidaysburg

#### \$10,000 - \$20,000

\$10,655 Faith, Somerset

\$10,500 Trinity, Bedford

\$16,151 Trinity, Somerset



#### \$5.000 - \$10.000

\$6,513 Benscreek/St.Andrew

\$6.857 Laurel Trinity. Jennerstown

\$7,112 Moxham

\$6,310 Lavansville-Bakersville Parish - Mt. Calvary, Mt. Zion

\$7,065 New Centerville Parish -- Messiah, St. Paul, Samuels

\$5,000 St. Paul's, Mundy's Corner

\$5,593 St. John, Bellefonte

\$8,204 Stoneycreek Parish - Trinity, Hooversville & Grace, Stoystown

\$5,250 Trinity, Johnstown

#### \$1,000 - \$5,000

\$3,500 Cassville/Mt. Zion

\$3.007 Christ Casebeer

\$4,450 First, Johnstown

\$1,800 Good Shepherd, Windber

\$2,000 Greenville, Salisbury

\$1,056 Mt. Calvary, Johnstown

\$1,500 Mt. Zion, Breezewood

\$1,244 Newry Evangelical

\$4,575 St. Clairsville Parish - Messiah & St. Peter, Osterburg

\$3,000 St. Mark, Pleasant Gap

\$1,650 St. John, Addison

\$4160 St. Luke, Rockwood

\$2,500 St. Paul, Johnstown

\$2,900 Trinity, Confluence

\$1,421 Zion, Johnstown

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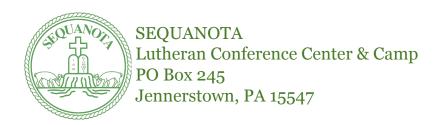
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As I look to the future of camp and retreat ministries, it is apparent to me that God's people will need a holy place to take time away to nurture their faith. The Sequanota Board of Directors and I are committed to creating the Sequanota experience for another 72 years, so that we can continue to facilitate connections that inspire growth in our quests.

To accomplish this task, we must strengthen the support base for Sequanota. The local, Lutheran churches have been the firm foundation for this ministry. Today I dream of a strong tribe of families and individuals to help gird and support Sequanota along with the local congregations. The renovations and improvements are not completed yet. New ministry ideas are still to be created and realized.

As past alumni or a raving fan of Sequanota please consider an additional gift to the Framing Faith for the Future Capital Campaign or the annual operating fund. Together we make a huge difference in our world! This brochure shares some of the work we have accomplished through the gifts of the capital campaign. Our mission advances together, and we hope you will accompany us as the work of making connections with Christ, creation and community continues.