



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN GUIDE

Digital Campaign Guide



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Dear Fellow Laborers in Christ,

For the past ten years, Destiny Life Center International (DLCI) has been a church with doors wide open to everyone. Regardless of where they are on their spiritual journey. Reaching out to people with the gospel has always been the heartbeat of this church, where our motto is “People Are Our Business.”

DLCI consists of a multicultural congregation that serves people across eastern Massachusetts, as well as in other states in the U.S., and abroad, catering to a diverse range of ages.

The leadership of this church are constantly in prayer for divine wisdom and direction, and as a body of believers, you also have also heard the clarion call, and responded with a clear yes, showing your support with your time, talents, and resources.

As a church family, we witness God's mighty hand working among us in advancing His kingdom, and it is our desire you also will have the same experience, as we commit to walking in agreement with His will.

Currently, DLCl now stands at the most critical points in its history. Physical space limitations have made it increasingly challenging to do what we are called to do and continue serving effectively. Seating is limited, ministry space is stretched, and challenges that once seemed distant have now become an immediate reality. Yet, it is clear that God has called us to respond. “Catch the Vision, Join the Work”

In this brochure, you will learn the details of our vision and provide you with an opportunity to participate. This call to “Catch the Vision, Join the Work” invites you to recognize that fulfilling this vision requires us agreeing to work together as one, even as the scripture declares, “If as one people speaking the same language, they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them” (Genesis 11:6).

A vision of this scale carries great responsibility and can only succeed when people are in alignment with God’s will, and seeing our focus is on transforming lives, we believe God will use this vision to help his people.

Therefore, we are personally inviting you and your family to prayerfully consider joining us as we move forward with this call to “Catch the Vision, Join the Work”.

Thank you so much for your consideration and prayer.

In Christ

Apostle Roland Cooper and Pastor Patricia Cooper

IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, October 18th, 1:00PM

Fireside Chat

Join Apostle Cooper via ZOOM Meeting ID 143 320 012

Saturday, October 24th, 10:00AM

Fellowship Gathering

Join Apostle Cooper at 538 West St. Brockton, MA for live Q&A

Tuesday, October 27th, 7:00PM

Campaign Q & A

Join Apostle Cooper via ZOOM Meeting ID 143 320 012

November 1st – 7th

Week of Prayer - Family Conference

The week of Nov 1st- 7th we are asking you to commit as a family to daily spending time in prayer using the prayer guide found in this book.

November 6th – 7th

24 hours of Prayer

Join us at 538 West St for 24 hours of prayer from 12pm on Friday to 12pm on Saturday as we pray over this project and ask God's guidance through every decision.

November 8th

Commitment Sunday

On Sunday, November 8th we will come together to make our commitments to "Catch the Vision, Join the Work".

November 15th

Celebration Sunday

On Sunday, November 15th we announce the final numbers from our pledges and gifts.

THE NEED

Since its founding in 2017, DLCI has provided training, resources, outreach, and support to individuals and families while partnering with organizations and community leaders to address spiritual, economic, educational, and social needs. Fulfilling the vision that the Lord gave us to help and train people to fulfill their purpose requires space to do what the Lord called us to do, which we are in desperate need of presently. The Bible said, “suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it”? (James 2:15-16 NIV)

To carry out that vision on a greater scale, DLCI now needs a permanent home designed for religious purposes, training, outreach, missions and community service.

The Lord has blessed us with the acquisition of 541 West Street in Brockton. This provides DLCI with an extraordinary opportunity to establish that permanent home. However, the building is in great need of extensive renovation, which requires having a general contractor who can provide oversight for the work that needs to be done, not only with contractors, but with building permits from the city, and proper documentation from the architect. Undertaking such a project takes time and finance.

The existing layout must be transformed into functional, flexible spaces that can accommodate not only people, but must be able to serve the purpose for having this building.



The renovation will create approximately 10,200 square feet of usable space across three floors. The first floor will provide space for community outreach, a kitchen, multipurpose activities, offices, and accessible bathrooms. The second floor will become the primary worship and assembly space, with required structural reinforcement and additional accessible facilities. The third floor will provide offices, conference and training rooms, and space for supplies.

This project is about more than renovating a building. It is about creating the infrastructure necessary to expand DLCI's ability to serve the community. The completed facility will provide a home for religious activities, youth development, senior programs, job and life-skills training, financial literacy, food assistance, mentorship, fellowship, and community outreach. What we have been able to do so far has been accomplished utilizing rented spaces, people's homes, and online platforms. The completion of this project will provide stability and impact people and their communities for years to come.

CONSISTENT GROWTH

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The focus of our ministry is Brockton and beyond. In the city of Brockton, it is estimated that 1 in 5 residents age 25 and older have not completed high school while more than 1 in 10 adults have less than a 9th grade education. There is also a large homeless population in Brockton and the surrounding areas. Consequently, we need space not just for church activities, but for life-skills, technology, financial literacy, youth development, talent development and entrepreneurship training, etc.

Our local, national and international outreach, education, and training efforts impact both children and adults through:

Outreach & Community Support:

- Supporting organizations that spread the Gospel through media, worship services, Bible training, and Bible distribution
- Providing support to mothers choosing to keep their unborn child
- Supporting physicians and organizations that provide surgical care for treatable conditions to individuals without access to necessary medical services
- Partnering with organizations working to rebuild communities impacted by impoverishment or natural disasters



- Contributing to food assistance efforts that help individuals and families facing food insecurity
- Responding to immediate needs by assisting individuals and families facing urgent and unexpected circumstances.

Education, Life Skills & Personal Development have included:

- Biblical & Personal Development – Understanding your gifts, biblical business-building principles, and social media awareness
- Financial & Estate Education – Understanding needs vs. wants, life insurance, and basic estate planning
- Life Skills & Creative Arts – Training in the areas of cooking, music, and liturgical dance
- Technology & Digital Skills – Building confidence with virtual communication platforms and essential computer skills
- Entrepreneur Showcases – Creating opportunities for individuals to promote their products and services, connect with the community, and develop their entrepreneurial potential.



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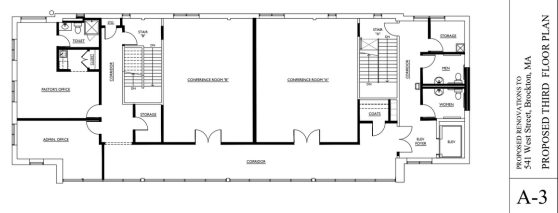
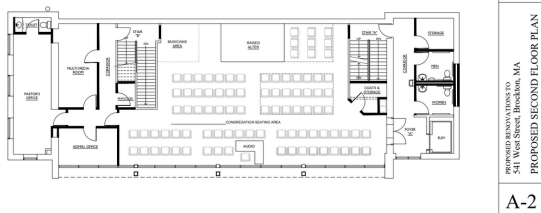
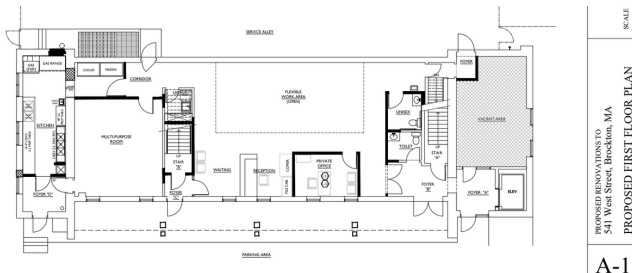


THE VISION

Our vision is to transform lives around the world through the belief that “People Are Our Business.” We are committed to bringing hope and transformation to individuals and communities experiencing discouragement, with a special focus on the next generation, regardless of race, ethnicity, social background, religious affiliation, or educational status.

Destiny Life Center International is growing, and this building project will help us create a safe, accessible, and welcoming church and community center where worship, outreach, learning, and fellowship can flourish.

The new and improved space will support our mission to make disciples across generations while expanding our capacity to serve the community for years to come.





The planned upgrades will strengthen the facility, improve safety and accessibility, and make the space more effective for worship services, outreach programs, classes, fellowship, and community events.

Together, these improvements will create a welcoming place for prayer, teaching, compassion, and practical support for youth, families, seniors, people experiencing homelessness, and neighbors in need.



THE HOW

Scripture says that where there is no vision, the people cast off restraint (Proverbs 29:18, NIV). This ministry has grown significantly since its beginning because of faithful prayers, generous giving, and the steady support of our friends and families. The Bible also says, “Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much” (Luke 16:10, NIV).

As we prepare to undertake this major building reconstruction project, with a projected cost of approximately \$5,000,000 we are reaching out to the partners who have supported us in the past and asking them to stand with us again. We are not asking for equal gifts, but for equal sacrifice. As each person gives what they can, we will be able to rejoice together in the finished work. For this reason, we have launched a capital campaign called “Catch the Vision, Join the Work,” with the goal of seeing this project completed for the glory of God.

Because this project will require a long-term commitment, which we estimate will take approximately three years, we need your continued prayerful support and faithful financial partnership. Any assistance you can provide will be deeply appreciated. The graph on the next page shows some weekly, monthly, and one-time sacrifices to consider. Some may seem small and insignificant, but over three years your commitment could make a big impact.

We believe that as we remain faithful to what God has called us to do, He will supply every need and bless the obedience of those who give. As Jesus promised, “Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you” (Luke 6:38, NIV).

WEEKLY SACRIFICES:

Coffee on The Way to Church	\$5	\$780 over 3 years
Chick-fil-a for lunch	\$12	\$1,872 over 3 years
Plan a FREE date night event	\$50	\$7,800 over 3 years

MONTHLY SACRIFICES:

Netflix Subscription	\$15	\$540 over 3 years
Have a Friend to Cut your Hair	\$25	\$900 over 3 years
Car Wash Subscription	\$40	\$1,440 over 3 years
Live TV	\$100	\$3,600 over 3 years

ONE-TIME SACRIFICES:

- Pass on your next phone upgrade and designate the money you save monthly toward the campaign.
- Pass on event tickets (concert, show, sports game, etc.) and instead designate that money toward the campaign.
- Enjoy a family “staycation” rather than planning an out of town trip.

Using this Prayer Guide

Use this Prayer Guide each day with your family or alone. Begin by praying to understand God's Word. Look up and read the Scripture verse. Answer the questions through discussion, use of a journal or meditation. Close in prayer. Trust that God will speak to you through His Word.

Use the Family Conference section November 1st - 7th, as the Catch the Vision, Share the Work campaign draws to a close. Allow God to direct you and other family members as you determine your financial commitment. Set aside a specific time free of normal distractions to discuss, read, and pray according to the guidelines given in the Family Conference section. Ask God to reveal to you how He wants you to respond to the needs of our church.

Where to Begin

This prayer guide is an opportunity for your whole family to pray and understand how God wants your family to be invested in the life of our church. While this campaign is encouraging you to pray about your financial investment into the life of our church, our desire is that you would also sacrificially give your time and abilities to our church as an act of worship and obedience to our Lord. As you use this prayer guide with your family, consider explaining to your family why you are committing to these seven days of prayer as a family.

Your explanation might go something like this:

"We have been asked as families in our church to prepare for a time of giving and discovering God's plan for us and our church."

For seven days, we're going to share a daily Bible verse, questions, and a prayer as a church to help each family discern how God wants us to give of our time, talents, and treasures to our church.

Yes, it's that simple.

The four key elements for every day are:

1. **Opening prayer:** Through God's enlightenment, invited in prayer, the Bible is simple enough for anyone to understand, even children. Without God's enlightenment, the greatest mind in the universe cannot hope to understand the truth in its pages.
2. **Scripture:** God's Word is truth, and God's Word is life giving. God's Word is valuable, worth more than any words offered by man.
3. **Questions:** God's Word is practical and applicable to our lives and decisions. Reading the Bible is not a spectator sport, but one in which God invites you to examine what He is saying and apply it to your life.
4. **Closing Prayer:** No man has the power to change his own heart. Change takes place in our lives only by asking God to accomplish in us what He desires.

Reading the Bible and praying each day are compared in Scripture to eating daily bread. Just as you can be nourished by both a light snack and a seven-course dinner, so can God honor five minutes or an hour that you spend with Him. As you grow in Him, you will want, rather than feel forced, to spend more time with Him. Trust Him and be faithful to meet Him every day.

Day 01

Christ's Love Transforms My Heart

PRAY: Lord, open my heart to Your Word and Your will.

READ: “So that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God” (Ephesians 3:17-19).

CONSIDER: 1. What change occurs in my heart where Christ lives?
2. In what ways can God fill up the deficiency of my soul?

PRAY: Lord, capture and grip my heart!

REFLECT: _____

Day 02

Christ's Love Transforms the Church

PRAY: Lord, open my heart to Your Word and Your will.

READ: "... Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her; so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the Word, that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she should be holy and blameless" (Ephesians 5:25-27).

CONSIDER:

1. What does Christ do for the church that she cannot do for herself?
2. What personal strengths or strategies do I tend to rely on for spiritual change, rather than the transforming love of Christ?

PRAY: Lord, let me experience Your transforming love.

REFLECT: _____

Day 03

Christ's Love Transforms the World

PRAY: Lord, open my heart to Your Word and Your will.

READ: “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world should be saved through Him” (John 3:16-17).

CONSIDER: 1. What was God's desire in sending Jesus to the world?
2. When I am not aware of or concerned for the lost, what am I forgetting?

PRAY: Lord, pour Your love for the world into my heart.

REFLECT: _____

Day 04

Christ's Kingdom is Everything

PRAY: Lord, open my heart to Your Word and Your will.

READ: “The Kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field, which a man found and hid; and from joy over it he goes and sells all that he has, and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls, and upon finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it” (Matthew 13:44-46).

CONSIDER:

1. How valuable is the kingdom of heaven?
2. Which do I treasure more: the kingdom of heaven or the treasures of this world?

PRAY: Lord, show me the worth of Your kingdom and increase its value to me.

REFLECT: _____

Day 05

Joining the Work of the Kingdom

PRAY: Lord, open my heart to Your Word and Your will.

READ: “What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits toward me? I shall lift up the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord” (Psalm 116:12-13).

CONSIDER:

1. Why doesn't the psalmist suggest a monetary or material payment to God?
2. Why are lifting up the cup of salvation and calling on the name of the Lord paired together?
3. What is one way I can lift up the cup of salvation?

PRAY: Lord, make me one who lifts up the cup of salvation and calls upon Your name in gratitude for all You have done for me.

REFLECT: _____

Day 06

The Way of the Kingdom

PRAY: Lord, open my heart to Your Word and Your will.

READ: “Now this I say, he who sows sparingly shall also reap sparingly; and he who sows bountifully shall also reap bountifully. Let each one do just as he has purposed in his heart; not grudgingly or under compulsion; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed” (2 Corinthians 9:6-8).

CONSIDER:

1. Who or what might motivate a person who has “purposed in his heart” to give?
2. What about a person who gives “grudgingly or under compulsion”?
3. How will I purpose in my heart to give in faith as God directs?

PRAY: Lord, help me to rely on You alone to prompt and provide for my giving.

REFLECT: _____

Day 07

The Heart of the Kingdom

PRAY: Lord, open my heart to Your Word and Your will.

READ: “Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see... And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him” (Hebrews 11:1,6).

CONSIDER: 1.Is it possible to please God? How?
2.How does God want me to trust Him right now?

PRAY: Lord, strengthen my faith that I may please You.

REFLECT: _____

The purpose of the family conference is to determine what God is leading your family to give to the **Catch the Vision, Share the Work** campaign. We encourage your family to set aside time for this special event between **November 1st - 7th**.

Commitments will be turned in by **November 8**, "Commitment Sunday."

Preparation:

1. Participate in the preceding devotions in this guide trusting God to prepare the hearts of your family members to give sacrificially.
2. Set a time for the conference, free of distraction, for the family to meet, pray, study and discuss what your financial commitment will be (approx. 30-60 min).
3. Ask each family member to begin thinking of decisions that God wants the entire family to make in order to give.

Suggested Steps:

1. The leader (preferably the head of the household) should begin with prayer, inviting God's presence and leadership in the conference and asking God to give a spirit of love, unity and unselfishness.
2. As a family, talk about commitments the family could make in order to give to God through the Building Faith Together campaign now and over the next three years. Be sure to include each child so that every family member has the opportunity to experience the joy of giving to God. Make a list of family ideas.
3. Spend time praying as a family. Let each member pray sentence prayers:
 - Thank and praise God
 - Ask God for direction and help in making a family decision according to His will.
4. Compare God's principles for giving with the ideas your family has come up with. Add any other suggestions that anyone offers.
5. Decide as a family what you will give and fill out your commitment card.
6. Close in a prayer of commitment, asking God to provide for your family as you step out in faith, asking Him to give you joy in giving and thanking Him for what He has done and will do.

- Q:** Why are pledges over three years? Even if total pledges over three years cover the total cost of the project, with a one-year or so timeline for completion of the renovations, won't this mean the church will have to finance the project.
- A:** Three years is a typical giving timeline for a building project to spread giving over more time. It is our desire not to finance the project. Once pledges are totaled, we will know about our potential need for financing.
- Q:** In a church capital campaign like this, what percentage of pledges are actually received?
- A:** According to our campaign consultant, an average of 93% of pledges are honored.
- Q:** Who will see the amount I/we pledge?
- A:** Like any giving to the church, that information is considered confidential and will only be seen by those responsible for recording this information in the database used by the church.
- Q:** Will there be periodic reminders of pledge amounts still outstanding for individual giving units?
- A:** We will share periodic updates with the progress of the church-wide giving toward Catch the Vision Join the Work. Your campaign giving progress can be tracked through your Givelify and DLCI website access.

Q: Is there a digital commitment card I can fill out, instead of a physical card?

A: Yes, you will be able to make a digital commitment online at <https://www.destinylifecenter.church/campaign>.

Q: When are commitment cards to be turned in and to whom?

A: Anytime during the campaign up to and including on Commitment Sunday (Nov. 8th). Cards can be dropped in our, “Catch the Vision, Join the Work” container at 538 West Street on Sundays at 8:45 AM and 4th Wednesdays at 7:00 PM or Mailed to: Destiny Life Center International, P.O. Box 240868, Boston, MA 02124.

Q: What is the status of the renovation?

A: We have received a permit to begin renovations and are progressing as funds become available.

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