



Metigoshe  
MINISTRIES



Metigoshe Ministries is Adventure  
Anchored in Christ, where people  
experience and celebrate the gifts  
of God in a life together.

- Mission Statement



CAMPAIGN PROSPECTUS

# From Generation to Generation - Adventure Anchored In Christ

- 1933:** First recorded Lutheran Bible camp held at Lake Metigoshe
- 1960:** Metigoshe Lutheran Bible Camp Association buys Peninsula site on Lake Metigoshe
- 1961:** Metigoshe Lutheran Bible Camp, Inc. officially organized
- 1963:** Camp sessions held on Peninsula; Main Lodge built
- 1965:** Vinje, Nordland, Manger, and Salem congregations merge to form Metigoshe Lutheran Church
- 1966:** Pastor Mark Ronning called as Executive Director of Camp Metigoshe and Pastor of Metigoshe Lutheran Church
- 1967:** Purchase of southwest corner of Lake Metigoshe
- 1968:** Lakeside Chapel built
- 1969:** First staff reunion and "Nights of Christmas"
- 1970:** Capital Campaign conducted for construction of the Christian Center
- 1970:** Ground broken for Christian Center Pelican Lake property purchased
- 1972:** Completion and Dedication of Christian Center
- 1975:** Construction begins on Life & Growth Place
- 1976:** Dedication of Life & Growth Place Establishment of Century III Donor Club
- 1979:** Camp Metigoshe Executive Director position and Metigoshe Lutheran Church Pastor positions separated
- 1981:** Capital Campaign conducted moving summer camp to Pelican Lake
- 1982:** Summer facilities move from Peninsula to Pelican Lake
- 1983:** Pastor Paul Leslie called as Executive Director
- 1985:** Peninsula site sold to Metigoshe State Park
- 1986:** Luther Hall built at Pelican Lake
- 1988:** Pastor Marsh Drege called as Executive Director
- 1997:** Capital Campaign – The Center Of Life Appeal to construct Koinonia Center at Pelican Lake and Center of Life addition to Christian Center
- 1999:** "Center of Life" addition completed
- 2001:** "Parsonage" moved to Christian Center Site as housing for the Executive Director
- 2004:** Kyle and Betsy Debertin called as Co-Executive Directors
- 2007:** The Lee House relocated at Pelican Lake as a house for Summer leadership staff
- 2008:** High Ropes Course "Higher than the Mountains" constructed at Pelican Lake
- 2011:** Luther Hall rebuilt after winter damage
- 2012:** Pastor Jon Halvorson called as Executive Director
- 2013:** The Lodge at Pelican Lake undergoes extensive remodeling
- 2015:** Capital Campaign authorized at a special Association meeting for the purpose of funding cabin replacement, Anna Manor and new housing facilities at Pelican Lake and expansion of the Christian Center facilities

**"My mother invited my dad to Metigoshe for Bible Camp back in the '30s. I attended Bible camp, my son attended Bible camp. Now my granddaughter is up here attending Bible camp."**

- Alan Lee, *camper and board member*  
Major Gift Leader



**"People want to be here. That's why we need to grow. I want my grandchildren to have the same experience that I had, that my children have had and my grandmother had back in the '30s."**

- Carey Burke, *camper and board member*  
Campaign Chair



# The Leadership of Metigoshe Ministries - Well Led, Well Managed

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

President, Bruce Carlson, *Velva*  
 Vice-President, Carrie Bentley, *Powers Lake*  
 Secretary, Deb Hoffarth, *Minot*  
 Treasurer, Todd Vangsness, *Minot*

## MEMBERS

Amy Artz, *Bottineau*  
 Carrie Bentley, *Powers Lake*  
 Paul Gunderson, *Harvey*  
 Teresa Loftesnes, *Norwich*

Joey Nesdahl, *Minot*  
 Rev. George Schuessler, *Berthold*  
 Robert Sorenson, *Bottineau*  
 Ryan Taylor, *Towner*  
 Chris Torgeson, *Minot*

## YEAR ROUND STAFF

Rev. Jon Halvorson, *Executive Director*  
 Melissa Kornkven, *Associate Director*  
 Logan Gooch, *Program Director*  
 Jenn Roetman, *Outreach Director*  
 Linda Arnason, *Retreats Host*  
 Deb Syvertson, *Retreats Administrator*  
 Leah Benson, *Financial Secretary*

Peggy Carlson, *Graphic Design and Registrar*  
 Dennis Hanson, *Site Supervisor - Christian Center*  
 Robert Marum, *Site Supervisor - Pelican Lake*  
 Bethany Bierma, *Head Cook*  
 Mason Schmidt, *Program Assistant - Metigoshe in Motion*  
 Laura Halvorson, *Garden Coordinator*  
 Pamie Wettlaufer, *Housekeeping*  
 Carol Moberg, *Office Assistant*

## Statement of Financial Position - December 31, 2015

### ASSETS

#### Current Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$50,468
Cash - temporarily restricted	\$877,801
Inventories	\$23,774
Prepaid expenses	\$2,989
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$955,032</b>

**Property and Equipment - net**      **\$1,993,728**

#### Other Assets

Investments	\$1,153,806
Cash - permanently restricted	\$106,420
Accrued interest receivable	\$6,896
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>\$1,267,122</b>

**Total Assets**      **\$4,215,882**

### LIABILITY AND NET ASSETS

#### Current Liabilities

Accounts payable	\$26,733
Deferred revenue	\$4,450
Pension payable	\$1,276
Payroll and sales tax payable	\$5,121
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$37,580</b>

#### Net Assets

Unrestricted	
Designated	\$20,000
Undesignated	\$2,118,81
Temporarily restricted	\$880,427
Permanently restricted	\$1,159,194
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$4,178,302</b>

**Total Liabilities and Net Assets**      **\$4,215,882**

# This Ministry Needs Room To Serve For Generations To Come!

Since Lutheran Bible camping first was organized at Lake Metigoshe in the 1930s, generations of families have been impacted. Tens of thousands of children, youth and adults have come to the waters of the Turtle Mountains through the years seeking renewal through what has become known as "Adventure Anchored in Christ." For many families, this experience has now spanned four generations.

The programs, songs and activities have changed through the years in response to the continued advancements in transportation, technology and the culture of North Dakota but the ministry has always remained true to the Christ-centered focus.

Participation in the faith-building programs of Metigoshe Ministries has grown steadily and remained strong since the Center of Life Appeal in the late 1990s funded expanded ministry facilities. New and improved facilities have welcomed participants of all ages and groups of all description.

Now these facilities have reached, and in some cases exceeded, the capacity to serve current participants well. Additionally many participants and groups are regularly turned away because of space and facility limitations.

## Camp Metigoshe At Pelican Lake

- Of the 21 summer camper cabins at Pelican Lake, 15 have aged to the point where they need replacement.
- During certain weeks of camp each summer insufficient storm shelter provisions are available to accommodate the full camp population.
- Family and grandparents' campers are forced to shuttle back and forth from the Christian Center each day at camp.
- Pastors and youth ministers do not have appropriate places to stay when they accompany youth to camp for the week.
- Growth in staff means that space for planning, programming and training are inadequate.

## The Lakeside Christian Center at Lake Metigoshe

- A lack of large and small group meeting space often prohibits the simultaneous hosting of multiple smaller retreat groups when housing may be available. This means that groups are turned away when they could otherwise be hosted if adequate meeting space were available.
- Weekend retreat opportunities during the non-summer months are often limited to Friday night and Saturday due to lack of meeting space since Metigoshe Lutheran Church worship and parish education programs occupy much of the available meeting space on Sunday mornings.
- The two prime times for hosting retreats – weekends throughout the year and weeks during the summer – are nearing 100% capacity. Meeting space is often the limiting factor.
- Potential user groups from churches and church organizations have stated they don't call to schedule events or programs because they know that accommodations are regularly filled 9-12 months in advance.

**"There's no other place that does it quite the same for me as Camp Metigoshe. It made a huge impact in my life and actually led me to be involved in ministry now as an adult, working in a congregation."**

- Chad Christianson,  
camper and summer staff member

ELCA Youth Director



**"(At Camp Metigoshe) You see really shy kids become more confident, you see really arrogant kids become a little more humble, you see Voyager campers just blossom with the unconditional acceptance they receive. You see Native American campers really blossom as well, knowing that they have a place of welcome."**

- Rev. Marsh Drege, camper, summer staff member, past executive director

Executive Director – Seafarers and International House



# We, The Leadership Team, Invite You To Join Us In This Great Adventure

## CAMPAIGN CHAIR



Carey Burke,  
*Berthold*

## CHAIR FOR CONGREGATION GIFTS



Rev. Emily Nesdahl,  
*Burlington*

## CHAIR FOR BOARD/ FORMER BOARD GIFTS



Rev. Phil Leer,  
*Harvey*

## CO-CHAIRS FOR STAFF ALUMNI GIFTS



Rev. Marsh Drege/Dr. Ann Siegle Drege,  
*New York City*

## CHAIR FOR WOMEN OF THE CHURCH GIFTS



Janet Rhoads,  
*Minot*

## MAJOR GIFT LEADERS



Bruce Carlson,  
*Velva*



Alan Lee,  
*Berthold*



Pat and Amy Artz,  
*Bottineau*



Bob Kornkven,  
*Bottineau*



Rev. Gerald Roise,  
*Minot*



Lynn Grabow,  
*Stanley*



Bryan and Jean  
Quigley, *Kenmare*



Lucille Loftesnes,  
*Granville*



Marlo and Carolyn  
Brackelsberg,  
*Mohall*



Paul Gunderson,  
*Harvey*



Dan and Ashley  
Seykora, *Towner*



Alma Lee,  
*Minot*

## CAMPAIGN STAFF



Rev. Jon Halvorson,  
*Executive Director*



Melissa Kornkven,  
*Associate Director*

## Mission Builders - Our Partners As We Ensure The Adventure

Beginning in 2016 and continuing through the development of projects of the Ensuring the Adventure program, Mission Builders will join their ministry to ours and provide project management, volunteer supervision and expertise for the efficient and cost effective construction of facilities.

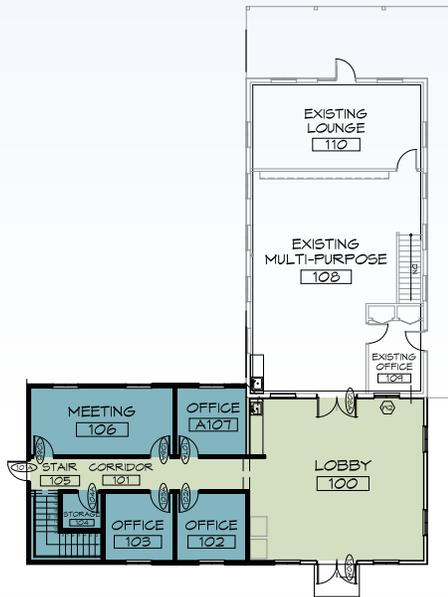
Expanded statements by a number of interviewees and all campaign news can be seen on the campaign website, [www.metigosheministries.com/campaign](http://www.metigosheministries.com/campaign).

# The Plan To Grow The Capacity To Serve First Things First Phases I and II \$4.5 million

## Phase I - Meeting Immediate And Future Needs at Pelican Lake

### Cabin Replacement at Pelican Lake

Fifteen cabins will replace camper cabins (some dating to 1966) that have served well. These new cabins will provide a welcoming “home-for-the-week” – still based on Metigoshe’s “rustic” camping philosophy – that invites campers into Adventure Anchored in Christ from the moment they arrive. Some cabins will be double cabins and some single cabins.

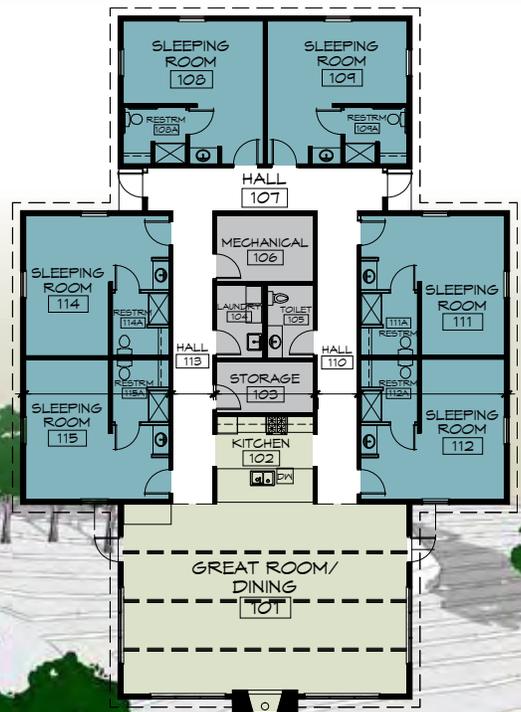


### An Addition To Anna Manor at Pelican Lake

An expansion is planned responding to growth in the summer camping ministry. The lower-level storm shelter addition will make it possible to ensure the safety of all campers and staff during even the largest weeks of camp. An updated and expanded office and staff lounge space will provide a work environment suitable to the larger program staff now needed to meet greatly increased camper numbers.

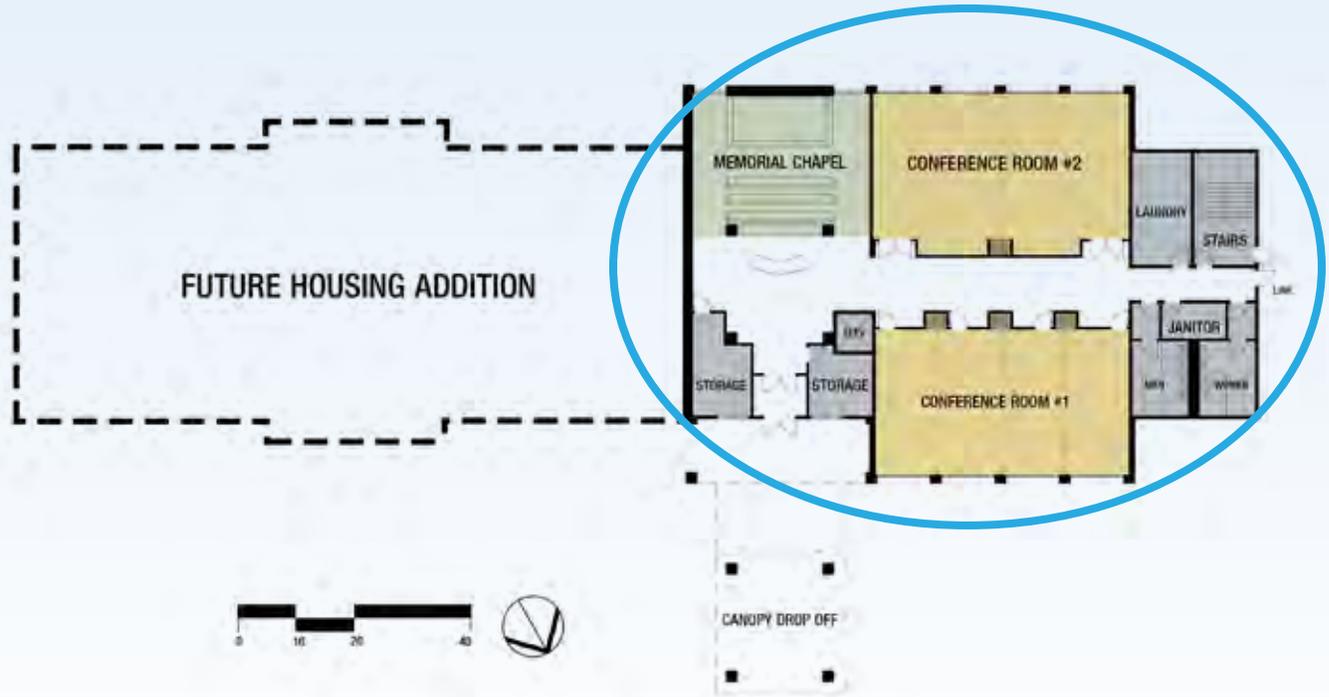
### A New Housing Facility at Pelican Lake

This new building will provide on-site housing for pastors and youth leaders when they accompany their youth to camp. The new housing facility will also provide expanded space for family and grandparents’ camps rather than needing to commute from the Christian Center as some now need to do. This facility will also offer a new and unique option for small retreat groups throughout the year.



# The Plan To Grow The Capacity To Serve

## Phase II - Meeting Immediate Needs At The Christian Center



### At The Christian Center Expanding Space To Welcome And Accommodate More Groups

Two new conference rooms, additional restrooms, and expanded and enhanced group worship area (Faith Chapel) will be added offering additional program and small group meeting/conference space.

Expanded parking to more adequately and conveniently accommodate times of heavy use.



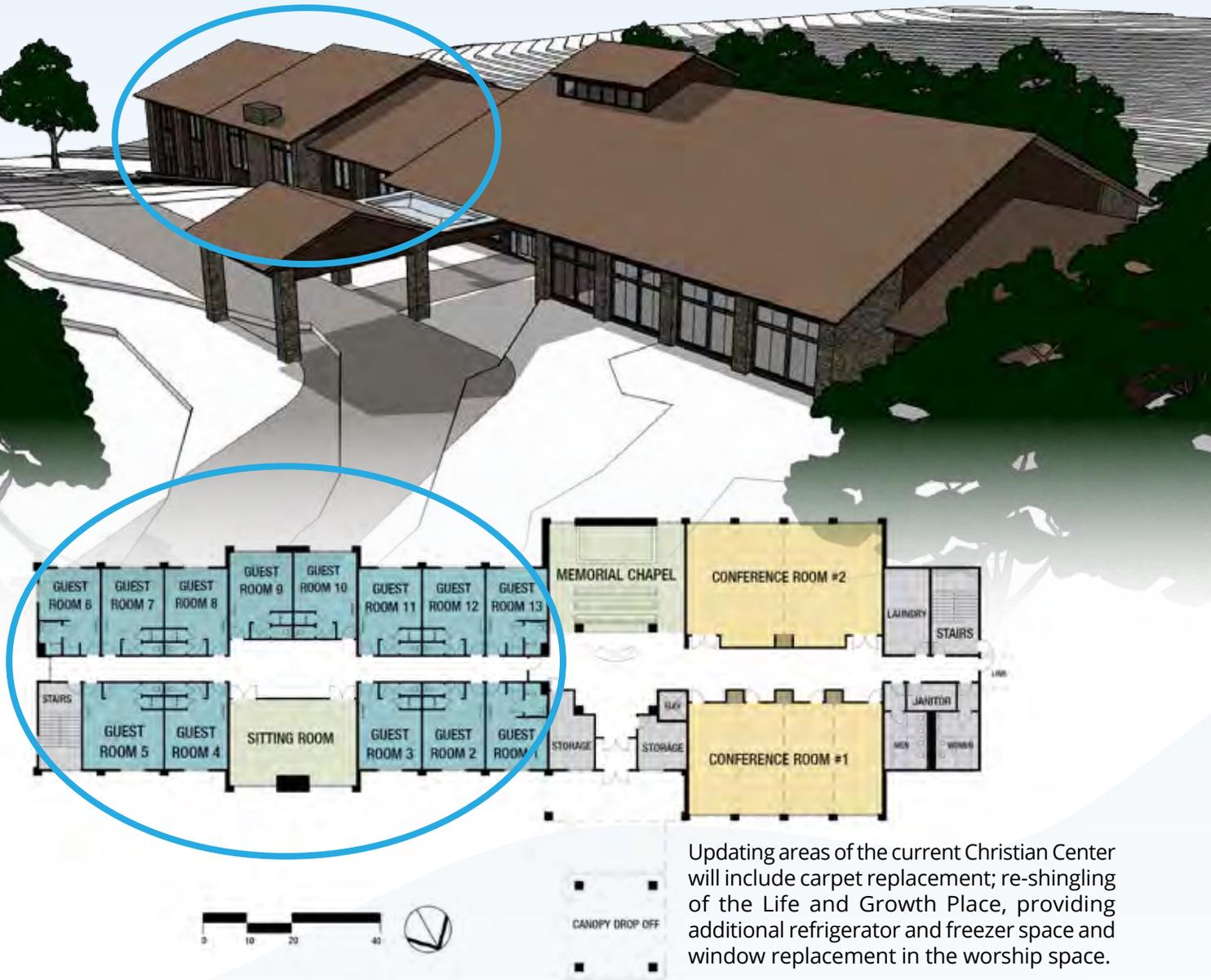
## Summary of Phases I & II Costs To Ensure The Adventure

Pelican Lake Cabins <i>(Including site work and furnishings)</i>	\$427,500
Anna Manor at Pelican Lake <i>(Including site work, engineering and furnishings)</i>	\$390,000
New Housing/ Retreat Facility at Pelican Lake <i>(Including design/engineering, site work, utilities and furnishings)</i>	\$792,000
Christian Center Expansion Retreat, Meeting/Conference Space <i>(Including design/engineering, site work, parking and furnishings)</i>	\$2,390,000
Contingency	\$190,500
Campaign Costs <i>(Staff, printing, travel, events, audio-visual, consultant)</i>	\$310,000
<b>Total Phases I &amp; II</b>	<b>\$4,500,000</b>

# The Plan To Grow The Capacity To Serve The Challenge - Phase III, A View To The Future - \$2.5 Million

## At The Christian Center ↓

New retreat housing “theme” rooms will be constructed adjacent to the new meeting and conference facility. As many as 13 additional rooms will be constructed, all on the main level. The lower level, walk-out will provide additional program space and storage.



Updating areas of the current Christian Center will include carpet replacement; re-shingling of the Life and Growth Place, providing additional refrigerator and freezer space and window replacement in the worship space.

## Summary of Phase III Costs to Ensure The Adventure

Completion of large group retreat space in new facility	\$532,500
Updates to Original Christian Center <i>(Including carpet to match new space, replacement of the oldest windows in worship space, replacement of tables/chairs, updated and expanded sound system, lighting, kitchen appliance updates, re-shingling of Life and Growth Place)</i>	\$198,000
Additional Housing “Theme Rooms” in new facility	\$1,769,500
<b>Total Phase III</b>	<b>\$2,500,000</b>

# Ensure The Adventure - Goal \$4.5 Million - Challenge Goal \$7 Million

The *Ensure The Adventure* campaign was authorized by a unanimous vote at a special meeting of Metigoshe Lutheran Bible Camp, Inc. in November of 2015.

Gifts to the campaign will be sought in the form of cash, appreciated marketable securities, land or other assets that can be readily converted to cash.

Individuals, families and businesses will be invited to participate in this campaign effort through a three to five year pledge or one time gift. Charitable foundations and other granting sources will also be solicited.

Lead gifts will be sought from among current and past board members, year round staff members and other stakeholders of Metigoshe Ministries. A broader campaign effort will be extended to staff alumni, women of the church organizations and congregations of the Metigoshe Ministries constituency.

## Standard of Gifts

In order to fully subscribe the \$7 million "challenge" goal to complete all three phases, the following gifts and in the quantities listed, will need to be received from individuals, families, foundations and as results of individual congregation campaign efforts:

Number	Amount	Cumulative
One gift	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Two gifts	\$500,000	\$2,000,000
Six gifts	\$250,000	\$3,500,000
Ten gifts	\$100,000	\$4,500,000
Fifteen gifts	\$50,000	\$5,250,000
Thirty gifts	\$25,000	\$6,000,000
Fifty gifts	\$10,000	\$6,500,000
Seventy-five gifts	\$5,000	\$6,875,000
Many more of other amounts		\$7,000,000

## Above And Beyond

Gifts from all sources to the Ensure the Adventure campaign should be considered as above and beyond the annual support provided by donors.



**"So as you consider making a gift to the campaign, I'd encourage you to keep in mind the great difference you are making - not only just today but as we look forward to the future generations."**

- Rev. Jon Halvorson  
Metigoshe Ministries Executive Director

## Campaign Timetable

### 2016 January - June

Year round staff gifts received

Secure leadership gifts from Board/ Former Board members, staff, key longtime Metigoshe supporters, etc.

All Steering committee member gifts solicited

Annual Meeting - campaign launch

### July - December

Begin the major gift campaign

Complete Board/Former Board solicitation

Major gift solicitation conducted across Metigoshe constituency

Women of the church campaign begins

Announce/launch staff alumni campaign

### 2017 January - June

Annual Meeting update of campaign

Congregation campaign launched

Conduct council visits with constituent congregations

### July - December

Train congregation leaders and begin congregation campaigns

Complete major gift solicitations

### 2018 January - June

Congregation campaigns completed

Celebration event at Annual Meeting

# Congregation Gifts

Each congregation in the Metigoshe Ministries constituency will be asked to participate in this challenging campaign effort through a careful three-step process:

- STEP 1** Receive a congregation council visit to learn the specifics of the campaign projects, timetable and activities.
- STEP 2** Select a member of the congregation to serve as the campaign leader and have that selected leader attend an orientation and training program conducted by Metigoshe Ministries.
- STEP 3** Set a goal for the congregation and then conduct a five-week campaign effort that offers every member family of the congregation an opportunity to participate through a contribution.

# Congregation Goals

Each congregation will be asked to set a non-binding, three-year goal for their campaign effort. Recommended goal levels are proposed on the basis of the average weekly worship attendance of the congregations since most pastors and lay leaders consider that statistic to reflect the effective size of their congregation. The following are the proposed goal levels for congregations.

Basic Goal	\$150 per worshiper
Advance Goal	\$200 per worshiper
Challenge Goal	\$300 per worshiper

For example, a congregation with an average weekly worship attendance of 100 persons could select from among the following three-year goals:

Basic Goal	\$15,000
Advance Goal	\$20,000
Challenge Goal	\$30,000



**"This is where God has been most meaningful to me. I want this here for generations to come."**

- Bruce Carlson, camper and board member  
Major Gift Leader



**"When I'm a mom, I'm gonna send my kids to Camp Metigoshe. I'm hoping it's there for me and my kids in the future."**

- Ava Lee, camper

**"Just come and check it out. You'll have the time of your life!"**

- Leon Dietrich, camper and summer staff member



**"Just as Betsy and I are a part of it, we invite you to be a part of this too."**

- Kyle Debertin, camper, summer staff member, past executive director



# Naming And Memorial Opportunities

Naming, memorial and/or tribute gift opportunities are available to individuals, families, businesses, and foundations contributing \$25,000 or more to the campaign. Recognition of all naming/memorial gifts will be tastefully presented in a visible location at Metigoshe Ministries.

## At Pelican Lake - Phase I

OPPORTUNITY	GIFT LEVEL
<b>Anna Manor Addition</b>	
To Name The Addition	\$250,000
Anna Manor Storm Shelter	\$100,000
Lobby	\$75,000
Landscaping	\$50,000
Anna Manor Meeting Room	\$40,000
Anna Manor Offices [4]	\$25,000 each

## Retreat House

To Name The Retreat House (Claimed)	\$500,000
Theme Rooms [6 All Claimed]	\$50,000 each
Living/meeting room (Claimed)	\$100,000
Kitchen (Claimed)	\$50,000
Parking/Path/Landscaping	\$50,000
Deck/Porch	\$25,000

## New Cabins

New Cabins (15) (3 Claimed)	\$25,000 each
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## At The Christian Center - Phase II

OPPORTUNITY	GIFT LEVEL
To Name the New Building	\$1,000,000
Large group conference rooms [2]	\$250,000
Elevator (Claimed)	\$100,000
Welcome area	\$100,000
Canopy drive through	\$100,000
Lower Landscaping	\$100,000
Upper Landscaping	\$50,000
Conference room kitchen area (Claimed)	\$50,000
Memorial chapel (Claimed)	\$30,000
Upper Gardens	\$30,000
Welcome Kiosk	\$25,000



**“For me, as a young kid in 1970 coming from Iowa, (Camp Metigoshe) was transformative. It helped me to develop into the leader I am today as a physician and CEO of a large company. Thank you so much for that gift.”**

- Dr. Ken Holmen, *summer staff member*  
CEO of CentraCare Health

## Challenge Phase of Christian Center Project - Phase III

Phase III projects at the Christian Center will be available for naming once Phase II is fully funded and efforts are begun to fund the final phase. A full listing of those opportunities will be developed once the Phase I and II goal is attained.



**“Fond memories...being with Dad, friends from church. From the very beginning of Camp Metigoshe there were great weekends with parents and kids.”**

**“I have said if you were to pick one point in my life that brought about me being the Bishop of South Dakota it would probably be (when I was a camper) at Camp Metigoshe.”**

- Rev. David Zellmer, *camper*  
Bishop of the South Dakota Synod - ELCA

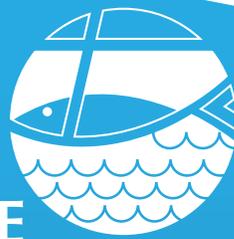
**“At Camp Metigoshe at an early age, I learned leadership qualities and very importantly, how to inspire people. I had a cabin full of pre-teen and teenage girls and was entrusted with their safety, their well-being and happiness. That required an ability to inspire them to play together, sing together, to be creative together, to pray together. I find that I’ve been able to transfer those qualities and abilities to today as lead an entire organization.”**

- Mary Kate Wold, *camper and summer staff member*  
President/CEO of Church Pension Fund - Episcopal Church in the USA



**“...Metigoshe gave us a sense of joy in life and a sense of joy in our spirituality.”**

- John Ydstie and Mary Jo Vrem, *campers and summer staff members*  
John, Correspondent/Host - National Public Radio/ Mary Jo, Program Officer - FEMA



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