



 **LLIN** AT RVCC

A photograph of a winding asphalt road through a dense forest. The road has double yellow lines and curves to the right. The scene is lit with a soft, golden light, likely from a low sun, creating a misty or ethereal atmosphere. The trees are tall and dark, framing the road.

This is a turning point,

and we are more than ready to move forward into the new season that God has for us. We are eager with anticipation over what God is stirring at RVCC. We've begun to see glimpses of what's to come, and it's good.

Really good.



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DEAR RVCC FAMILY,

In the fall of 2019, I accepted the call to be the Lead Executive Pastor at Rainier View. I had been on the RVCC staff since 1987, 32 years, at that point. I never would have imagined being asked to be the point leader, and truth be told, I only reluctantly agreed. But because of God's calling, the people of RVCC, and the staff we had, I agreed to this new adventure.

Six months later, a worldwide pandemic hit.

This adventure so far has been full of challenging times, but also extremely fulfilling moments where I've watched God work in ways I could not have foreseen. Emerging from the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is time to turn a corner into the next chapter of RVCC.

This is YOUR invitation.

Following Jesus requires that we go all in. Jesus said, *"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength,"* so we are going back to some foundational Biblical rhythms in this two-year discipleship initiative. As a church, we have been working on listening to what God is calling us to and we are experiencing great unity around that vision and direction.

But a vision without resources is just a dream.

That's why this discipleship initiative has a generosity emphasis embedded in it. Without apology, we are asking those who are committed to Rainier View to be ALL IN, so that our community can be reached, our children and families disciplined, and the transforming love of Jesus seen and felt around the neighborhoods of Pierce County and around the world.

Read on to learn more about being ALL IN!



Rusty Carlson
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VISION

AS A CHURCH, WE WANT TO...

Be wildly generous with our time, abilities, and finances.

Give up our preferences to make room for people from all ethnicities, generations, and backgrounds.

Engage the spiritually curious and equip the spiritually maturing to help guide others on their journey.

Show up for our cities through serving and partnering to make an unignorable difference.

Break cycles of shame and fear by exploring new life and freedom in Jesus together.

Change our methods, not the message, to ensure that Jesus becomes real to the next generations.



DEFINING MOMENTS

More than just moments in RVCC's history, in each of the following instances a choice was made to step out in faith and trust God for new direction. We believe the ALL IN Initiative is another one of those pivotal times.

In **1955**, five families began a weekly Bible study, renting a house to meet in a few months later. The following summer, Parkland Christian Church was formed.

In **1957**, the church raised \$5,000 and bought a lot at 138th and Yakima. They moved into an old tire shop and with limited resources, the church members enlarged and remodeled the building.

In **1962**, the church hired its first full-time pastor. The 75 members worked together and built a new sanctuary in 1969 and by 1975, the church bought an adjacent house and lot to accommodate the growing congregation.

In **1977**, the congregation purchased 15 acres on Spanaway Loop Road – our current Parkland location.

In **1987**, the church sold the property on 138th and moved into Olson Auditorium at Pacific Lutheran University (PLU) while the building on our Parkland property was constructed.





In **1989**, the church moved into the building on Spanaway Loop.



In **2000**, space was added to accommodate growth, more than doubling the size of the building.

Early in **2001** we agreed to partner with a small congregation, Rainier View Christian Church, to reach the rapidly growing rural areas of South Hill and Graham. Later that year, Rainier View Christian Church closed its doors and merged with Parkland Christian Church.



In **2002** we took the opportunity to buy 80 acres on 224th – our current Graham location.

In **2003** as we prepared to launch a second campus, meeting at Stahl Junior High, Parkland Christian Church changed its name to Rainier View Christian Church.



In **2006**, our second campus moved to North Star Elementary in Graham, across 224th from the property where we hoped to build.

In August **2010**, we moved into our new facility in Graham.



In early **2020** we held our services online during COVID-19 quarantine. When we resumed regular in-person services, we continued online services, prioritizing digital ministry and laying the groundwork for a future digital campus.

PRIMARY GOAL - DISCIPLESHIP

Our primary focus is discipleship, and the essence of discipleship is being a follower of Jesus who is ALL IN. We want to follow him with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength (Mark 12:30). It means we let Him shape the way we serve, pray, relate with others, worship, and give.

SECONDARY GOAL - GENEROSITY

Our secondary focus is unapologetically an emphasis on generosity. When we are generous with what God has given us materially, that leads to generosity in all the other areas of our lives as well. The transformation that happens within us is far more important than what our giving provides. However, during this two-year Initiative, your giving will help us in four crucial areas.

CORE MINISTRIES – \$3.2M

By fully funding our vital ongoing ministry with an annual budget that provides reliable stability year over year, we ensure the effective and healthy ministry of RVCC and provide progress toward the major strategic directions God has called us to.

GLOBAL AND LOCAL PARTNERS - \$500,000

We have several unique transformational opportunities, both locally and globally, to step into that will meet important community needs.

FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE - \$800,000

Investment in this area provides effective ministry environments, a resource to serve our communities, maintenance of equipment and upgrades to vital equipment and spaces.

DEBT REDUCTION - \$500,000

Debt is like a kink in the hose that is restricting our ability to fund ministry the way we know God wants us to.

TWO-YEAR GOAL – \$5M

JUNE 2023 – MAY 2025

This is the time
to be ALL IN for
Jesus with a
holistic approach to
spiritual formation.

PRIMARY GOAL
DISCIPLESHIP

Hundreds of people have come to RVCC and met Jesus because of our Biblically-grounded, Gospel-centered approach to reaching people and developing them into difference-makers and disciple-makers. Yet, without adequate resources, a vision is just a dream. We want to make Jesus known in a transformational way in the Pierce County neighborhoods that have believers in them. For that reason, we will lean hard into the basic discipleship rhythms of prayer, daily devotion, serving, worship, stronghold breaking, and giving.

**OUR #1 GOAL IS THE DISCIPLESHIP OF
EVERYONE WHO CALLS RVCC HOME.**



GENEROSITY GOAL
CORE
MINISTRIES

\$3.2M

We recognize that our ongoing core ministries will need to keep pace with the rising costs affecting us all. Our gifts to the ALL IN initiative will help fully support the foundational mission that guides our direction.

- Central to this is to ensure we have a healthy, supported, and resourced staff team in order to thrive over the long haul of vocational ministry.
- Investing in the next generations requires intentional resourcing that provides and inspires discipleship opportunities for kids, students, and families.



Fully funding our vital ministries provides the foundation of our church's future.



- Weekly Sunday worship, adult small groups, and our seniors ministry is essential as we continue to be committed to being a multi-generational church family. Outreach to our community, with a focus on serving our schools, has been a key component in God's call to reach our neighbors.
- Digital ministry – from online services and social ministry to strategic use of digital media – provides tools for both outreach and personal discipleship.
- Baptisms, memorial services, weddings, child dedications, and other milestone moments allow RVCC to care for thousands of people.

For almost 70 years, Rainier View has been committed to investing in local and global ministry partnerships.

GENEROSITY GOAL LOCAL & GLOBAL PARTNERS

\$500k

Because of the high degree of transformational impact, we need to seize the opportunities that are present right now. RVCC has a history of tithing on campaigns and projects such as these, giving 10% to organizations and ministries outside of our own church ministries.

Some of these opportunities exist with partnerships such as Missions of Hope International, Coffee Oasis, local schools, Night to Shine, and other mission groups and ministry to marginalized communities.



Image source: thecoffeeoasis.com

Since opening The Loft Youth Shelter in Tacoma, Coffee Oasis has cared for more than 250 youth with warm and safe shelter. We have an opportunity to help The Coffee Oasis purchase the property currently housing The Loft Youth Shelter and the future home of their first Pierce County café and youth drop-in center.



In an area of Kenya, East Africa, where the Turkana people struggle with drought, malnutrition, and other challenges, we can work with Missions of Hope to make a huge difference in the lives of this community by helping to provide more school facilities, teacher housing and resources, nutrition, and clean water.

GENEROSITY GOAL
**FACILITIES &
MAINTENANCE**

Investing in quality facilities is essential for the present and the future of RVCC.

\$800k

Investing in our physical campus facilities creates warm, welcoming, and effective in-person environments for both the curious and the committed to encounter God and continue their spiritual journey. This will also allow us to use our campuses as a resource to serve our local communities and attend to necessary maintenance that will end up being significantly more costly if those continue to be deferred.

RVCC GRAHAM PROJECTS:

- Resurface the auditorium floor to repair damage and update court quality.
- Upgrade and refresh of foyer and interior, including furniture, lighting, and paint.
- Improve tech systems in the auditorium.
- Replace outdated security cameras and systems.
- Repair and resurface parking lot, and refresh landscaping.
- Upgrade to more sustainable and cost-effective lighting systems.

RVCC PARKLAND PROJECTS:

- Replace and repair aging roof and HVAC systems.
- Remodel the Olympic Room to provide a more modern and effective environment for our senior's ministry, Community Dinner, and Tahoma Church, our multi-ethnic church planting partner. Additionally, this would provide a space for smaller memorial services, weddings, and gatherings.
- Replace aging technology systems.
- Upgrade to more sustainable and cost-effective lighting systems.
- Update and refresh of various interior spaces.

Reducing building mortgage debt frees up resources to be used in other critical areas.

GENEROSITY GOAL
DEBT
REDUCTION

\$500k



By reducing building debt, we can fully fund the best versions of our kids and student ministries, outreach and service to our community, discipleship of RVCC families, and much more. Additionally, reducing this debt will allow us to fund cash reserves at an appropriate level and begin a deferred maintenance program to address repair and replacement of larger expense items in the future.



HOW WILL YOU RESPOND?

We're asking everyone who calls RVCC their home church to be ALL IN by responding personally to God's invitation to join together to accomplish the God-inspired vision He has for us.

We're praying for 100% participation and personal engagement in discerning how God would have each of us grow and respond in this season ahead. Generosity comes from a grateful heart. We are asking you to go on a spiritual journey with God and to take a step of generosity that would only be possible if the Holy Spirit was guiding you.

PLEASE JOIN US IN THESE NEXT STEPS:

1. PRAY BOLDLY

Ask God to move your heart and everyone at RVCC to a higher level of discipleship and giving toward the needs of others.

2. DISCERN WISELY

Seek the Lord about what sacrificial giving looks like for you and your family.

3. COMMIT CONFIDENTLY

Trust Jesus to use and multiply your gifts to His glory.

4. GIVE GENEROUSLY

Faithfully act on His calling with your intentional generosity over the next season at RVCC.

WHAT IS ONE FUND?

“One Fund” refers to the way RVCC plans to receive offerings and use those for ministry. Offerings will be put into one fund rather than designated for specific uses.



One Fund is like a water barrel with four spigots. Offerings are poured into the top of the barrel, and funds are drawn from the spigots to cover different types of ministry expenses. The spigots all draw from the same pool of water and represent the four distinct categories of spending expanded on in previous pages.

- 1. FULLY FUND ONGOING MINISTRIES**
- 2. INVEST IN TRANSFORMATIONAL LOCAL AND GLOBAL MINISTRIES**
- 3. INVEST IN OUR PHYSICAL FACILITIES AND ENVIRONMENTS**
- 4. REDUCE MORTGAGE DEBT**

THE JOURNEY OF A GIVER

Growing in our journey as a giver is less about a specific amount or percentage than it is about the attitude and priorities of our hearts. The goal is to keep taking steps that represent personal growth toward a lifestyle of generosity and sacrifice — one more and more like Jesus.

Scripture encourages us to grow in every facet of our walk with Christ, including the grace of giving (2 Corinthians 8:7). We do not grow in this area in order to earn God's favor by our giving, but our generosity DOES reflect His impact upon our lives and is our expression of thankfulness and Lordship.

AM I AN INITIAL GIVER?

I've started to give out of a response to God's Word. I may do more or give more frequently in the future, but I've decided to give something and am trusting God and the leaders of the church with this gift. 2 Corinthians 8:7–15

AM I A CONSISTENT GIVER?

I exercise the discipline of giving regularly to the Lord's work through His Church. I give a recurring gift online in order to be more consistent, or I have other disciplines I use to ensure that I'm regularly giving and not just sporadic in my giving. 2 Corinthians 9:6–8

AM I AN INTENTIONAL GIVER?

I give sincere thought to how my giving to the work of the Church and Kingdom relates to the other areas where I spend my money. I've started making my giving an intentional choice that reflects the priority I put on being an ambassador of God's purposes. I know and give the amount or percentage I have committed to God. Luke 14:28–35

AM I A SACRIFICIAL GIVER?

I've thought quite a bit about the long-term (vs. month-to-month) effects of my generosity. I make short-term decisions about spending (particularly about larger-ticket items) in light of my long-term commitment to have my generosity reflect my faith and God's interest. 2 Samuel 24:18–25

AM I A LEGACY GIVER?

I recognize the cost Christ paid on the cross for me and the beauty of His Kingdom's life. I seek to honor God with 100% of who I am and what I have. I don't literally give everything to God, but I definitely give in a way that challenges and changes me. My giving determines my spending and saving rather than the other way around. 1 Timothy 6:6–9



Lord Jesus,

You are my all in all.

Out of Your abundant love and grace,
You willingly gave up everything so
that I could be with You forever.

Here and now, I joyfully surrender to
Your love and give You all of me.

I want to be
ALL IN for You.

SERIES GUIDE

6-WEEK SERMON SERIES

COMMUNITY GROUP GUIDES



BIG IDEA

Generosity is the visible evidence of biblical unity.

MY SERMON NOTES

Find this week's sermon video/audio at allinrvcc.com. Consider watching or listening again before your group meets this week.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

Acts 2:42-47; Acts 4:32-37; Ephesians 4:1-13

JOURNAL

In preparation for meeting with your Community Group, we encourage you to read this week's scripture and reflect on the following.

OBSERVATION

What does this passage say I need to know?

INTERPRETATION

What does this passage mean?

APPLICATION

What does this passage mean to me or our church right now?

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Scan the QR code to watch a short video that shows ants building a bridge.



What can we learn about unity from the way ants are working together? What makes people unwilling to work together like ants do to accomplish something they never could on their own?

Part of why we don't experience unity is because we aren't generous toward meeting the needs of others or contributing our resources to see a common goal accomplished. The early church gives us a model of how to pursue this kind of unity fueled by generosity.

2. Read Acts 2:42-47; Acts 4:32-37. Why do you think we see such radical descriptions of generosity in the first generation of the early church? How does that kind of generosity fuel unity?

3. We specifically see in Acts 4 that there was spontaneity in giving – yet there was also a clear trust in the leadership to manage and distribute those funds. Does that match your mental picture of how the early church operated? Why or why not?

4. What does unity look like according to Ephesians 4:1-13?

5. How can each one of us protect against division in the church?

NEXT STEPS

While membership is not the only way to express unity in the local church, it may be a next step for you. If you'd like to take that step at RVCC, join us on **April 23** for Discover Rainier View to meet some of our pastors, ask questions, and learn more about who we are as a church and where we are going.

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Exodus 35:20-21; 36:2-7

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1. What is the last song you chose to listen to? (No lying or blaming the algorithms)
2. To what extent have you associated worship with singing in church?

3. There are many words for worship in Hebrew, but the one used often in Exodus is *ebed*, which means to serve as a slave. In what ways does knowing this definition add to your understanding of what it means to worship God?

4. Read Exodus 8:1. God tells Pharaoh, through Moses, to “free” his people so they can “worship/*ebed*” him. Later we see this “worship” play out not just in singing (Exodus 15), but also in giving (Exodus 35). Does it strike you as odd that Exodus sees a logical connection between “being set free” and “giving one’s possessions”? Why do you think that connection is made?

5. Exodus 35:20-21; 36:2-7. This takes place after the Israelites build and worship a golden calf and turn away from God (Exodus 32). God’s response is to come and dwell near them anyway (via the tabernacle). What does it say about the Israelite’s response that what they offered in their worship was “more than enough”?

6. How easy/difficult is it for you to view generosity as worship? Why?

7. When was the last time God has done “more than enough” on your behalf?

NEXT STEPS

What does “more than enough” generosity look like as your response?

As you close in prayer, ask God to help you understand that He is the owner of everything and to view generosity as worship.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

2 Corinthians 9:6-15; Mark 12:41-44

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1. If there was one cause you could give a million dollars to, what would it be and why?
2. Do you ever wonder if your contributions are insignificant and not really making a difference? Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 and Mark 12:41-44. What does God have to say to you in these passages?

3. 2 Corinthians 9:10 teaches us that as we become generous with our giving it will “produce a great harvest of generosity in you.” Why do you think financial giving leads the way to becoming a more generous person in all aspects of your life?

4. Do you ever believe this statement: When I have _____ (insert dollar amount here) then I will become a generous giver? What is stopping you from being generous right where you are?

5. Where would you say you are in your journey of becoming a generous giver:

- The desire is there, but I haven't gotten started yet.
- I've been giving a little bit here and there, but it's not regular or sacrificial.
- My giving is regular, but it's been on autopilot and I need to be more intentional and ask God if there needs to be growth in this area.
- I am stepping out in faith giving in a way that is sacrificial and stretching my faith for sure!

NEXT STEPS

We would encourage you to use the following to determine your next step.

- Pray – Spend time in prayer listening to how God wants you to trust Him.
- Discuss – Talk with trusted friends, family, and/or leaders to process where God is leading you.
- Discern – Work out what sacrificial and joyful generosity will look like for you.

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Mark 8:34-38

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1. What images, stories, and associations do you have with the word “surrender”?
2. How has following Jesus caused you discomfort or cost you?

3. Read Mark 8:34-38. Death by crucifixion caused unimaginable suffering, so much so that the word “excruciating” finds its origin in this Roman practice. Jesus says followers must “take up their cross,” implying that relationship with Him requires sacrifice and suffering. Is this surprising to you?

4. Jesus says those who hold onto their lives will lose it, while those who surrender it for him will save it. How do Jesus’ words strike you here? Why might it be difficult for the disciples to hear Jesus’ words? Is it any easier for us?

5. In Mark 10:29, Jesus describes just exactly what the disciples sacrificed to follow him. The list includes their homes, family, and possessions (and we know for at least five disciples, they even lost their careers). Is there anything on this list you would make off limits to Jesus? What would it look like to instead surrender those areas of your life to him?

6. In the following verse, Jesus says those who have sacrificed will receive 100x as much (!) both now and in the future. What would look different in your generosity if you learned to trust in this promise more fully?

NEXT STEPS

Part of the faith journey is about making the shift from “I want Jesus + _____, _____,” to complete surrender. What do these blank spaces represent to you?

What would it take to let go of the things that keep you from complete surrender to Jesus?

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1 Corinthians 12:12-27

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1. Have you ever been in a season where you were in your “sweet spot” on a team, group, or at your workplace? What were you doing to contribute to the overall good of that group?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-27. What part of this passage stood out to you the most and why? Do you view yourself as an integral part of the RVCC church body? Why or why not?

3. What are the benefits you’ve experienced by giving your time? What are the benefits you’ve experienced by giving financially?

4. How can you determine if you are serving in the right place and with the right time commitment?

5. God wants us to be holistic in our approach to generosity and giving—including our time, gifts, and resources. What area comes most naturally and where do you struggle? How could you participate more fully? How can we support each other in this process?

NEXT STEPS

Take a moment right now and ask your group to complete the following exercise before sharing their answers.

- Passion – What do I love?
- Gifts – What am I good at and what do I enjoy doing?
- Burden – What breaks my heart that also breaks God’s heart?

If you find anything that touches on two or three of these, that’s a good indicator you’ve found a great place to make a difference and contribute to the body. When you’re ready, let us know by contacting the RVCC staff and we’ll help you take the next step.

If you have found your place to serve, who is someone that you can invite to serve alongside you in that ministry area?

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE

Philippians 2:1-11

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1. What are one or two significant spiritual moments for you and your family at RVCC?
2. Philippians 2:1-11. Paul wrote this letter to the church in Philippi while imprisoned and possibly facing capital punishment. Knowing that context, what's your reaction to him talking about the encouragement, comfort, tenderness, and compassion that has resulted from following Jesus?

3. In contradiction to Paul's situation, Philippi was an incredibly prosperous city due to its location near the main highway and gold production in its region. How does knowing this inform your understanding of Paul's instruction in verses 3-4?

4. What does it look like for us to consider the interests of others in our families? At work? At church? In our neighborhoods?

5. Verses 6-11 is considered one of the first worship songs written about Jesus. What speaks to you about the nature of Jesus?

6. Paul says if we have benefited in any way from Jesus and the family of God, then we should imitate Jesus in choosing generosity over self-advantage. What are you willing to do to impact the next generation in and through RVCC?

NEXT STEPS

On **June 4, Celebration Sunday**, you will be encouraged to give your first gift toward the ALL IN Initiative and celebrate the commitments we have made together. We invite you to participate in what God is doing through RVCC by making a generous and sacrificial gift for the future of this community. Pray fervently that God will use our church in unprecedented ways to share the love, hope, and justice of Jesus throughout every neighborhood in Pierce County.

What are you asking me to do in this initiative?

First and foremost, we are asking that you pray and seek God's leading on what He is asking of you. Prepare your heart to hear Him, and then listen to what He says. This is about discipleship first. Join a small group. Begin serving. Commit to a Bible reading plan. Start a prayer journal. Talk with a trusted friend or, if you're married and have children, talk together about what this commitment will mean for this next season. Specifically in the discipleship rhythm of generosity, we are asking that you make a sacrificial commitment so that God can accomplish His mission through us in our community.

Aren't we doing OK financially? Why is it important that we talk about this?

"OK" would be overstating how we've been doing financially over the last number of years. Our giving dropped substantially during the pandemic, and has not yet rebounded to previous levels. Going into 2022 we had to layoff two staff members, reduce the hours of other staff members, and discontinue some ministry activities due to lack of financial resources.

How is ALL IN different from my normal giving?

ALL IN is a financial commitment over a specific time frame. We want you to ask the Lord what a sacrificial commitment looks like. We are inviting you to take the next step in your journey of generosity and give in a way that changes you.

I'm more comfortable with designated giving because it supports the areas I'm passionate about. What's the problem with that?

Just like our regular giving, we are asking people to generously respond to the full ALL IN vision over the next two years through RVCC's One Fund. Our leadership has been entrusted with the responsibility of prioritizing spending on the new initiative and management of the funds. They will do so with much prayer, and with great care and stewardship of the resources given.

What if I am brand new to RVCC?

ALL IN is about the vision for our church. We believe the local church is one of the most compelling missions to give toward, and we would really love for you to make RVCC your home and join us in this initiative. If you are ready for it, this is a perfect time for you to put a stake in the ground and make this your church. We need you on the team!

What if I have not been a regular giver to RVCC before? Should I make a commitment?

If you have never given financially to RVCC before, ALL IN was crafted specifically with you in mind. This is a “One Fund” generosity initiative, meaning that it is different from a traditional capital campaign where you are called to give an extra gift above and beyond your normal giving - thus creating TWO STEPS for people who aren't yet giving. ALL IN is a call to radical, sacrificial generosity for absolutely everyone at RVCC. If you have never given before, this is your chance to join in on the journey with a regular and sacrificial gift.

My time is valuable, and I give a lot of it at RVCC. Why are you asking for my money too?

We think the Lord asks each one of us to give sacrificially of everything he has given us – time, energy, skills, and yes, money. The Lordship of Jesus means He is Lord of all areas of our lives.

Shouldn't giving be a private matter between me and God?

Giving is a matter between you and the Lord. It's certainly personal, and almost entirely private. There will be no published list of who has given what. The RVCC Finance Department and the Lead Executive Pastor are the only ones who will know what's given.

If I am in debt right now, should I still give to ALL IN?

If you are someone currently seeking to make payments to pay off debt right now, we commend you for making progress on that. And you should continue to do so. That does not, however, take the place of giving financially. Giving isn't about what God wants from you; rather, it's about what God wants for you. Find joy in giving at least something at the same time as you are finding joy in paying off debt and becoming financially free. Please contact us if you need assistance with this or if you would like to speak with a budgeting counselor.

Given the economy, inflation, and perhaps impending recession, why don't we wait on ALL IN until things are better?

In the wake of the pandemic and amid the current economic uncertainty, an active and vitalized church is needed more than ever. While we are aware of the current economic conditions, we also know there will always be challenging times. We trust that each individual and family will prayerfully seek God's direction and follow His leading, in addition to evaluating financial priorities. This is a good moment to remember a larger picture:

- The story of the Christian church is one of faith and generosity even during times when conditions have been hard (read Acts 2:44–47; 2 Corinthians 8:1–15; 9:6–15).
- We see this kind of commitment being exercised by our mission partners all over the world under conditions considerably tougher than we endure in the United States. We still live in the most materially blessed nation in human history.

I am uncomfortable when we focus so much attention on money. Can you help me?

Jesus spoke about generosity more than any other topic in Scripture, except for the Kingdom of God. Not only does Jesus talk about giving, He instructs us how much to give. Matthew 6:21 “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Generosity is about more than just money. It is about our heart posture and living a life clearly committed to Christ.

Why is debt reduction healthy and necessary?

Mortgage debt is a firm obligation that (until it's paid off) limits what we can do in ministry in the present and the future. It's good stewardship to minimize debt and pay it off as quickly as possible.

How does the giving in the ALL IN Initiative that starts in June affect the 2023 budget?

The ALL IN goal is to raise \$5 million over 24 months, and that amount includes the current giving in the annual budget. We will make adjustments to the 2023 budget and beyond midway through the year as commitments are made and fulfilled.

Who makes the spending decisions at RVCC?

The annual budget is prepared by the pastoral staff and approved by the Board of Elders. The day-to-day spending decisions are overseen by the Lead Executive Pastor and staff, within budget and spending guidelines established and monitored by the Elders.

How long is my commitment?

We are asking everyone who calls RVCC their church home to make a two-year commitment—24 months of giving. The fulfillment period for commitments begins on June 1, 2023, and concludes May 30, 2025.

In addition to cash, are there other ways I can give more to the ALL IN initiative?

Yes! Be prayerful and creative as you explore ways you can give to the initiative. You might have stock, property, or other items of value. You may have stored resources God has blessed you with that He is calling you to give out of during this time. Please contact Scottie Nix at scottien@rainierview.org or visit allinrvcc.com to learn more about non-cash gifts.

In addition to a financial commitment, how else can I participate in ALL IN?

We want everyone at RVCC to engage on a transformative spiritual journey through ALL IN by praying, studying Scripture, participating in small group, life and engaging others in the journey. Consider sharing your story with others. Join or lead a group. Serve faithfully or for the first time. Take the next step in your journey of discipleship and see what God does.

Additional questions?

For more information, visit allinrvcc.com. You may also reach out to Rusty Carlson, Lead Executive Pastor, or any of our pastoral staff, who are available to answer any further questions you may have. Contact us at info@rainierview.org.

IMPORTANT DATES

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Sunday, May 21

CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Sunday, June 4

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