

## **After 75 Years, It's Time to Raise the Roof**

This year marks the 75th anniversary of Westworth—a milestone we've been celebrating with gratitude, reflection, and hope for the future. Our community is growing, with new members and expanded programming that reflect a vibrant and active church life.

### **However, an unexpected challenge has interrupted these celebrations.**

The roof over our gymnasium, offices, and library has failed. Persistent and severe leaking means it can no longer be patched—it must be fully replaced. As a result, these spaces are currently closed, with pumps running when it rains to manage water intrusion.

The damage extends beyond the roof. Portions of the office area have required demolition, including drywall removal and asbestos remediation, and are now sealed off. Further reconstruction—electrical, drywall, and restoration—will be necessary. At this stage, insurance coverage is uncertain.

After obtaining insurance assessment and roofing quotes, all confirmed that a full replacement of the gymnasium roof area is required. At the congregational meeting on April 26, a quote of \$130,462 was approved unanimously. (Please note it was explained that this is a cost-plus quote meaning that if additional damage is found, repairs will increase the final cost.)

### **When combined with the restoration of the office areas, the total project is estimated to reach approximately \$175,000.**

This represents a significant and unexpected financial challenge—but one we believe we can meet together.

**To protect the ongoing ministry of Westworth, support our staff, and continue welcoming our community, we are launching a \$175,000 fundraising campaign: “Raise the Roof.” We invite you to prayerfully consider making a generous contribution.**

You can support this effort in several ways:

- A one-time gift
- Monthly giving
- Donation of publicly traded shares, a very tax efficient way to donate.

Visit [www.westworth.ca](http://www.westworth.ca) to choose the option that works best for you. On upcoming Sundays, debit and credit donations can be made after the service, or you may drop off a cheque payable to Westworth at any time (please note “Roof” on the memo line).

We are deeply grateful to the many volunteers who have already stepped forward—cleaning affected areas, managing equipment, and ensuring continuity during this disruption.

If you have questions or would like more information about this fundraising campaign, please contact Ron Bailey at [ron@rbailey.ca](mailto:ron@rbailey.ca) .

Thank you for your continued support, generosity, and commitment as we prepare Westworth for the next 75 years.



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