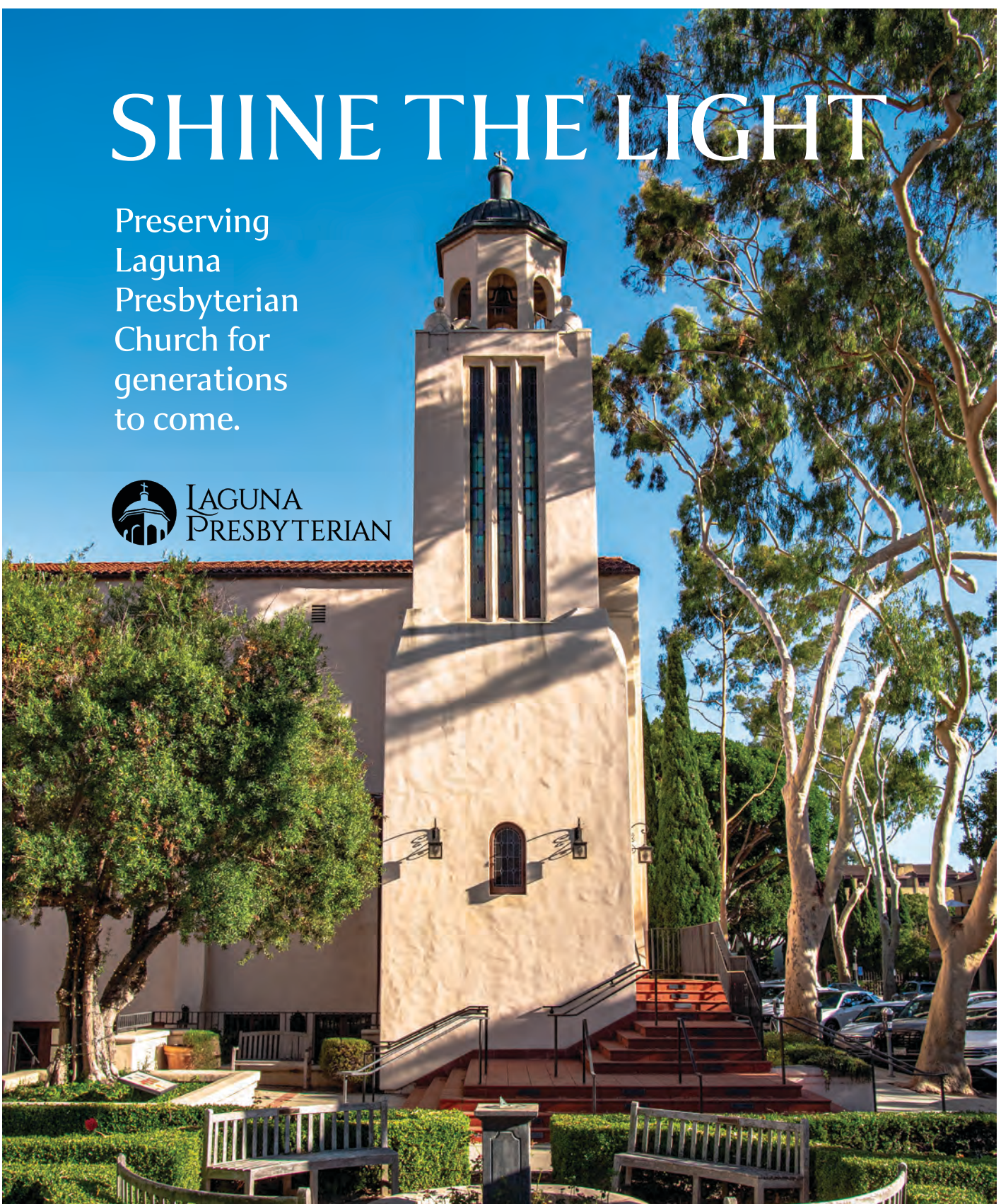


SHINE THE LIGHT

Preserving
Laguna
Presbyterian
Church for
generations
to come.



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Let your light shine before others,
so that they may see your good works and give glory
to your Father in heaven.

- Matthew 5:16



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Laguna Presbyterian Church's mission is to **shine the light of Jesus Christ** by **“welcoming everyone to live into God's story of hope and love.”**

We recognize that the church and facilities that enlighten and spiritually enrich our lives today were made possible by the vision and generosity of people with great faith who came before us. And now, today, we seek to shine that same light of Christ into the future as it is our moment to prepare for growth and ministry for the next generations.

Founded in the 1890s on the porch of the Ferris family's beachfront cottage—inspired by their faith and a vision of what that modest ministry could someday become—the next



generation of members acquired land, building the Little Brown Chapel in 1917 and then building the current sanctuary, which was dedicated on March 18, 1928.

For over 100 years, our church, located in the heart of Laguna, has been a place for the worship and service of its members and the host of innumerable community events.

Men, women, and children have come to faith, grown in their gifts, and served in countless forms of ministry and outreach, both here and around the world. Our Sanctuary has served as the site of life's most sacred moments, such as baptisms, weddings, ordinations, and memorials.

The Spanish Mission Style architecture of our Sanctuary inspired the city to embrace our arcades, tile roofs, fountains, generous brick patios, and gardens for the municipal buildings that were subsequently built.

Laguna Presbyterian Church has long served our community as a center for the city's recovery from devastating fires, floods, and landslides.

A PLAN FOR MINISTRY WITH MANY DIMENSIONS

Our Vision Is Big

To address the needs of members and the community at every age and every stage of life—from infants to seniors, in times of both joy and crisis, for decades to come by extending Christ's love to everyone.

What will it take to accomplish this vision?

Together we will undertake a multifaceted vision to
INVITE, REJUVENATE, INSPIRE, STEWARD and CELEBRATE.

All this is to share and give thanks for God's faithfulness.

Freely you have received, freely give.

- Matthew 10:8



I. INVITE

- **Improve** our existing landscaping and signage—especially at our “Welcome Corner” at Forest Avenue and Second Street as well as our entire “front yard” along Second—so that visitors can more easily access our various offices, facilities and staff, and our public face will reflect both the nature and grace of Laguna.

- **Renovate** Tankersley Hall and Kitchen to better serve the changing needs of our congregation and our community—a welcoming space for events with modern audio-visual capabilities, improved lavatory facilities, warm lighting, colors consistent with our campus, and a kitchen renovated for catered functions.



“The community is in constant need of places to gather, whether for Red Cross blood drives, church retreats, Laguna Beach High School banquets, the Garden Club, MomC^o, the cold weather shelter, or wedding and memorial receptions. Tankersley Hall is an essential resource for so many.”

- Gail Onodera



II. REJUVENATE

- **Replace** our aging Carillon Bell system so it will continue to share with our city the melodies of our faith.
- **Refurbish** existing structures and infrastructure —roofs, windows, stucco and paint—to provide an attractive and properly maintained environment for worship, weddings, concerts, and other special events.

“When I hear the church bells play a familiar hymn in the midst of a busy day, it helps me stop and give thanks for all of God’s good gifts.”
- Local Laguna Resident



III. INSPIRE

- **Complete** the Preschool Improvement Plan, providing a safe and inviting setting for new families to affiliate with our church, while also providing an enhanced learning environment for children’s Sunday School classes.

- **Update** our Administration Building to enable staff to better welcome and care for members and visitors, while providing a more functional and productive environment for work.

- **Refurbish** the Music Room to better support our choirs and music staff and properly reflect the high value we place on worship and the arts.

- **Renew** the Sanctuary—its furnishings and finishings so that it continues to be an inspiring setting for life’s most important events, such as worship, weddings, baptisms and memorial services, as well as for community concerts.



“Our family became involved at Laguna Presbyterian when our children went through the preschool. They all participated in the youth programs, and even the music programs.

We are so excited our son’s family is now a part of this community of faith.”

- Church Member



IV. STEWARD

- **Establish a sustainable reserve fund** to be supported annually by additional budget contributions to keep our facilities in proper repair and avoid future crises where the costs of deferred maintenance are greater than the congregation's ability to address them.
- **Model good stewardship** by exploring ways to meet the energy needs of our campus. We believe this will enable future generations to reallocate ever-increasing electricity costs to new and existing ministries.

Every homeowner knows how much money it takes to properly maintain their property. Anything and everything we can do as a congregation to reduce costs will make our ministry go that much further – and our ministry is what we're all about!

- Shine the Light Committee

V. CELEBRATE

- **Invite** civic leaders, community groups, and residents to tour so that they may be inspired to participate in our programs and be blessed by the irreplaceable gift of Laguna Presbyterian Church.

- **Gather** to **CELEBRATE** and **GIVE THANKS TO GOD.**

"Day after day, week after week, year after year, there is so much to celebrate in the life of Laguna Presbyterian Church and our members. For all of God's goodness, we give thanks!"
- Lorna Cohen



WE INVITE YOU TO RESPOND

Together we share the joyful responsibility of supporting Laguna Presbyterian Church and its ministry. At this time, we invite you to prayerfully consider the following:

- Reflect upon the vital role which Laguna Presbyterian Church has played in your personal life as well as the life of our community.
- Request a personal tour of the church facilities to gain a better understanding of current needs and future opportunities.
- Make a special pledge, to be fulfilled either all at once or through monthly or annual pledge payments to be made over a period of up to three years, that would be “above and beyond” your regular support of the church budget. (It is essential that these pledges be “above and beyond” since, in the midst of this campaign, the ongoing ministries of our church will still require everyone’s support.)
- You may want to consider alternative ways to make an “above and beyond” gift possible, such as:
 - Selling or donating an unneeded asset
 - Reducing or eliminating an unnecessary expense
 - Instructing your retirement fund administrator to distribute an unneeded required minimum IRA distribution to the church, reducing your federal and state income taxes while supporting this project

(We encourage you to speak with your financial advisor to help you determine options that would be appropriate for you.)

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This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!

- Consider a provision in your Will or Trust to benefit the church, leaving a legacy and making possible future growth.
- Pray for our church, our pastors, our staff, and our dedicated lay leaders as we seek by these and other means to shine the light of Jesus Christ by welcoming everyone to live into God's story of hope and love.

We thank God for the many spiritual and material blessings showered on us by our gracious Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

With Gratitude,

The Shine the Light Committee

Rev. Dr. Steve Sweet, Rev. Beth Pinney, Justin Becker, Dan Burge, Lorna Cohen, Olivia Luce, John Miller, Gail Onodera, Doug McCombs, Brandon Sjulín, Gus Altuzarra (Property and Finance Elder), Rick Hume (Landscape Architect) and Bryn Luce (Stewardship Elder).

For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness
to every generation.

- Psalm 100



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Phases

	DESCRIPTION	PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE
1	Replace the aging Carillon Bell System Rejuvenate, refurbish and beautify existing structures, signage and landscaping	\$ 1.5 million
2	Renovate Tankersley Hall and Kitchen	\$ 1 million
3	Complete the Preschool Improvement Plan Update the Administration Building Refurbish the Music Room and Youth Center Renew the Sanctuary	\$ 1.4 million
4	Establish a Reserve for the Future	\$ 1 million
5	Install Solar Power (If recommended)	\$ 600,000

Estimated Cost for all 5 Phases: \$ 5.5 million

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