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A CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR HOLLIS RENEWAL CENTER

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Dear Friends,

All great things begin with a plan, inspired by God. Faith and action bring those plans to life.

In 1988, our founders acquired the land we now call the Hollis Renewal Center, envisioning a vibrant retreat ministry. They understood the importance of providing a sanctuary where people could step away from the everyday and connect with God, all while experiencing the beauty of creation and the warmth of community.

For over 35 years, the Hollis Renewal Center has been a place where guests can step back from the demands of their daily lives, breathe deeply, and be surprised by God. Hollis embodies hospitality, serving as a place apart for prayer, reflection, learning, and renewal. At Hollis, groups are transformed from collections of individuals to communities.

Now, Hollis offers more than 5 miles of hiking trails across 153 acres of secluded and wooded land. Our facilities include a lodge for daytime retreats and weddings, as well as space for small groups to stay overnight in the Hideaway, the Meadow cottage, and the Tiny cabins.

But today, the need is greater than our capacity. Our challenge is that there is not enough space to meet the demand for larger groups, forcing us to turn many groups away.

Acting in faith once again, our Board of Directors is planning for an expansion. We're launching the **Deep Roots, Wide Welcome** capital campaign. With your help, we'll build **Lodge 2.0** and invest in long-term sustainability so Hollis can continue to welcome more people, more often, for years to come.



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Our Mission

The Hollis Renewal Center provides a welcoming environment and experience for individuals and groups seeking spiritual growth and renewal.

A Small Taste of the Wide Welcome at Hollis

- **Day Camp:** Each summer suburban and urban youth gather for a fun, faith-filled week, exploring the Hollis hills and learning about God's abundant love.
- **Brickworks:** Repurposing LEGOs to donate kits to kids in the CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) program.
- **Farm to Fork Dinner Party:** A formal dinner with friends, where local chefs prepare a delicious 3-course meal, preceded by appetizers and drinks.
- **Fall Festival:** Chili, homemade pie, craft beer, and Hollis hospitality.
- **Winter Art Fair:** Cozy up by the fire, sip some hot cider, and shop from 12–15 local artists for that perfect Christmas gift.

The Need

People Are Seeking A Deeper Connection to God and Their Values

More people are reaching out to Hollis than we can accommodate. They're looking for space to pause, reflect, and reconnect with what matters—but too often, we have to say no.

Our current facilities are full. Demand for daytime retreats, small group gatherings, and quiet time in nature has grown beyond what we can accommodate.

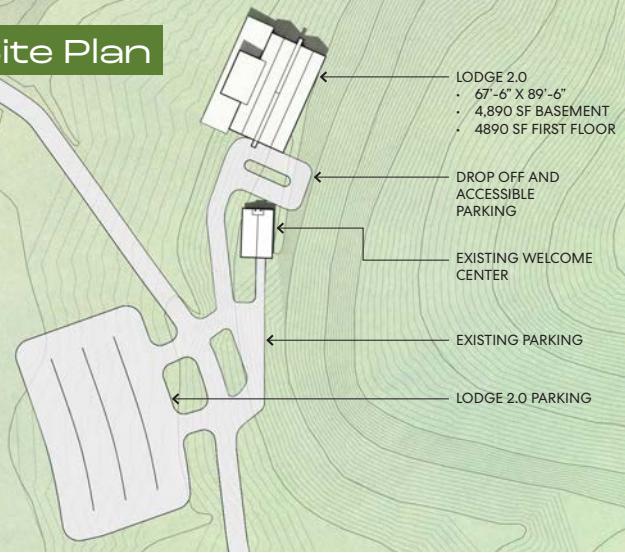
Additionally, we often have requests for facilities with more flexible space, higher capacity, and more tech availability.

These limitations reduce our ability to serve, and limit our future.

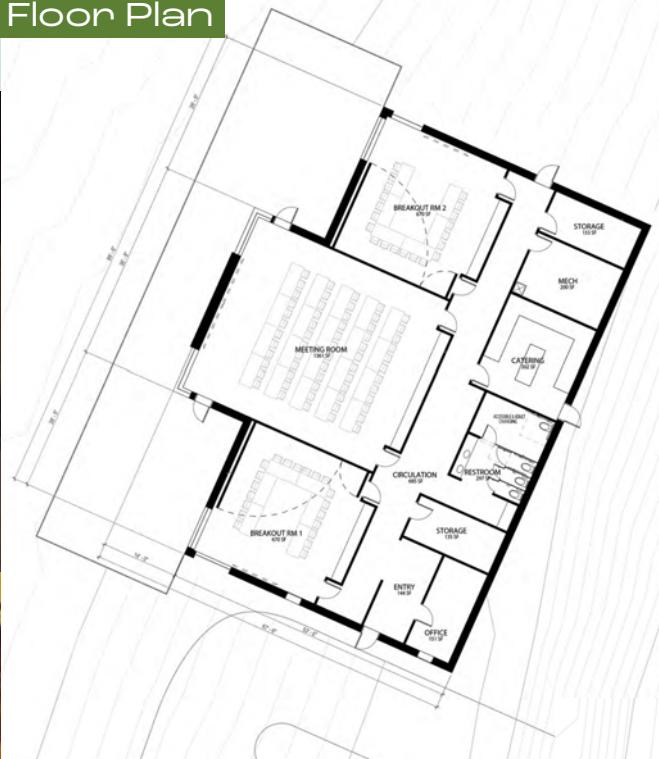
Lodge 2.0 changes that. It gives us the room we need to welcome more guests and generate steady revenue growth—an estimated 15–20% increase each year. This project isn't about getting bigger. It's about making space for people who are already asking to be a part of Hollis.



Site Plan



Floor Plan



Proposed Campaign Goal: **\$2,100,000**

You can give a one-time gift or make a three-year pledge. Gifts of stock or other assets are also welcome. Please contact our office with any questions.

The Plan

To meet current demand and prepare for sustainable growth, Hollis is launching a capital campaign to raise \$2,100,000. The campaign will fund the construction of Lodge 2.0 and provide key resources to strengthen the ministry for the future.

LODGE 2.0 WILL INCLUDE:

- A large meeting room for up to 60 people
- Two breakout rooms for small group use
- Accessible restrooms with baby changing stations
- A catering kitchen for meal prep and storage
- Storage, office, and mechanical space
- Walkout Lower Level for future expansion

ADDITIONAL INVESTMENTS INCLUDE:

- \$150,000 for building maintenance endowment
- \$150,000 for contingency
- \$150,000 for capacity building and staffing support
- \$50,000 for campaign costs

# OF GIFTS	GIFT LEVEL	RUNNING TOTAL
1	\$400,000	\$400,000
2	\$200,000	\$800,000
4	\$100,000	\$1,200,000
6	\$50,000	\$1,500,000
8	\$25,000	\$1,700,000
12	\$10,000	\$1,820,000
20	\$5,000	\$1,920,000
40	\$1,000	\$1,960,000
Many	<\$1,000	\$2,100,000



Impact Beyond Our Lifetimes

In addition to gifts to the \$2.1 million campaign goal, we are praying for **15 households** who have or will include Hollis in their charitable estate plans.

A planned gift—such as a bequest, life insurance designation, or retirement account beneficiary—helps ensure that the ministry of Hollis continues well into the future. Whether designated or given without restriction, gifts from donors who include Hollis in their estate planning leave a lasting legacy in this ministry and the world.

If you have already included Hollis in your estate plans, or if you are open to a confidential conversation, please let us know.



Congregational Campaigns

Congregational support has always been and continues to be important to the Hollis mission. We invite congregations and their members to be part of this effort.

Each participating congregation will be invited to:

1. Receive a visit from the Hollis campaign team
2. Select a campaign leader to attend a short training
3. Conduct a five-week campaign so every household can participate

Suggested Congregational Goal Levels

AVG. WEEKLY ATTENDANCE	BASIC GOAL (\$100/person)	ADVANCE GOAL (\$200/person)	CHALLENGE GOAL (\$300/person)
100	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$30,000
50	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$15,000

Projected Campaign Timeline

2025	2026 - 2027
<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Summer - Winter» Campaign Leadership Phase	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Summer 2026 - Spring 2027» Congregational and Community Campaigns





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