

Vintage Church

A Time of

RENEWAL



Los Angeles

A Time of



CONTENTS

What's Inside?

PAGES 06 — 07

Our Vision

PAGES 08 — 09

Our History: Vintage and Trinity

PAGES 10 — 15

Expanding Our Capacity

PAGES 16 — 17

Why Now?

PAGES 18 — 19

What's Next?

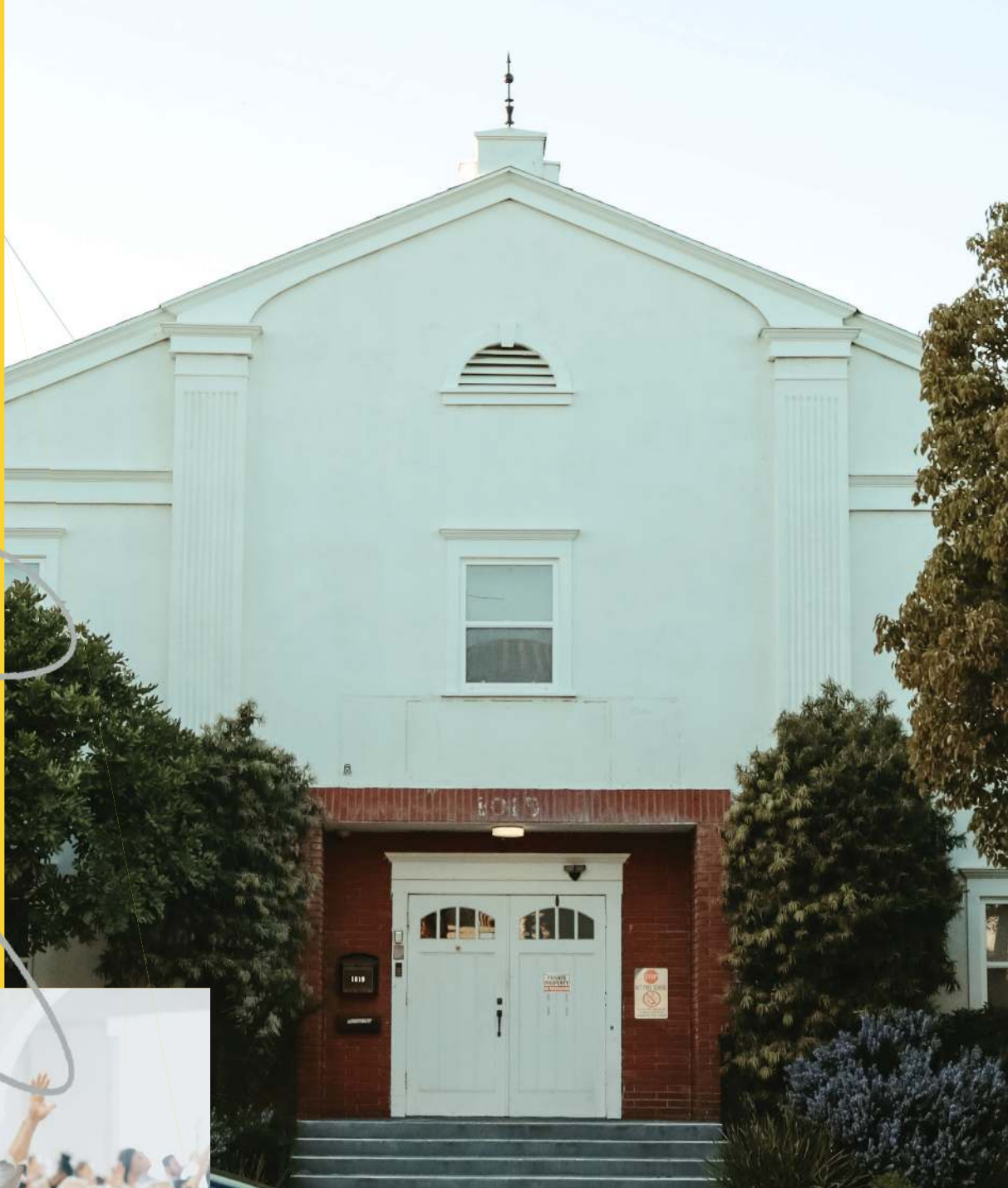
PAGES 20 — 27

FAQs

PAGES 28 — 31

Two-Year Pledge Campaign





Our Vision

From the start, the mission of Vintage has been clear – to join God in the renewal of all things, right here in Los Angeles.

Our desire is to follow what God is doing to bring hope to the hopeless, healing to the sick, and faith to those who have lost their way. Vintage seeks to instill in people a belief that God loves them, Jesus died for them, and that we are here for them.

For more than a decade, our church community has thrived through God’s grace and a commitment to a radically gracious and down-to-earth hospitality. We’re a church family where everyone is welcomed and loved, wherever they are on their journey. We’re honest. We admit mistakes. We run away from hype, celebrity and spin. We invite people to bring their past hurts, their questions and join us in exploring their faith. We’re transparent. We’re dedicated to the Word of God and the movement of the Spirit. We believe in miracles and hearing God’s voice but we’re not weird about it. We want to follow the way of Jesus together, and though we often (mostly?) stumble, we are slowly becoming more like Him. We make space for people to let their guards down. We laugh (at ourselves!). We have a pub at our events, for goodness’ sake.

All this isn’t for ourselves, but for the sake of the city. We know that God is renewing us and sending us out to join Him in the renewal of our city.

To support this vision, an unexpected gift appeared in 2015 – a place to gather, to worship, to be a family and go out on mission. A church building with a rich history. Trinity Baptist came calling, with an offer to merge our churches to see what God could do.

And now, as the pandemic wanes, Vintage is thriving – more people on Sundays. More people in Alpha. More courses. More families. More groups. More places to connect and celebrate what God is doing. It is **A Time of Renewal**.





We believe we have more for the people of Los Angeles. We know they are hungry to be loved and welcomed into a church family, where they can explore and grow in Jesus with authenticity and laughter. And we want to take the next step to serve them.

We are setting plans in motion – call it a campaign, call it a mission, call it whatever you want – to increase our capacity for ministry by finally making full use of our church buildings. This will happen over the next two years, and we’d like your help.

We’re calling this **A Time Of Renewal.**

It’s time for us to expand our facilities so that we can handle more people on Sundays and throughout the week.

It’s time to provide more space for more people to come experience the life-altering Alpha course.

It’s time to provide more space for our growing families.

It’s time to restore our building’s sanctuary, bathrooms and classrooms, so that it can be as welcoming and attractive as it was the day it opened in 1950.

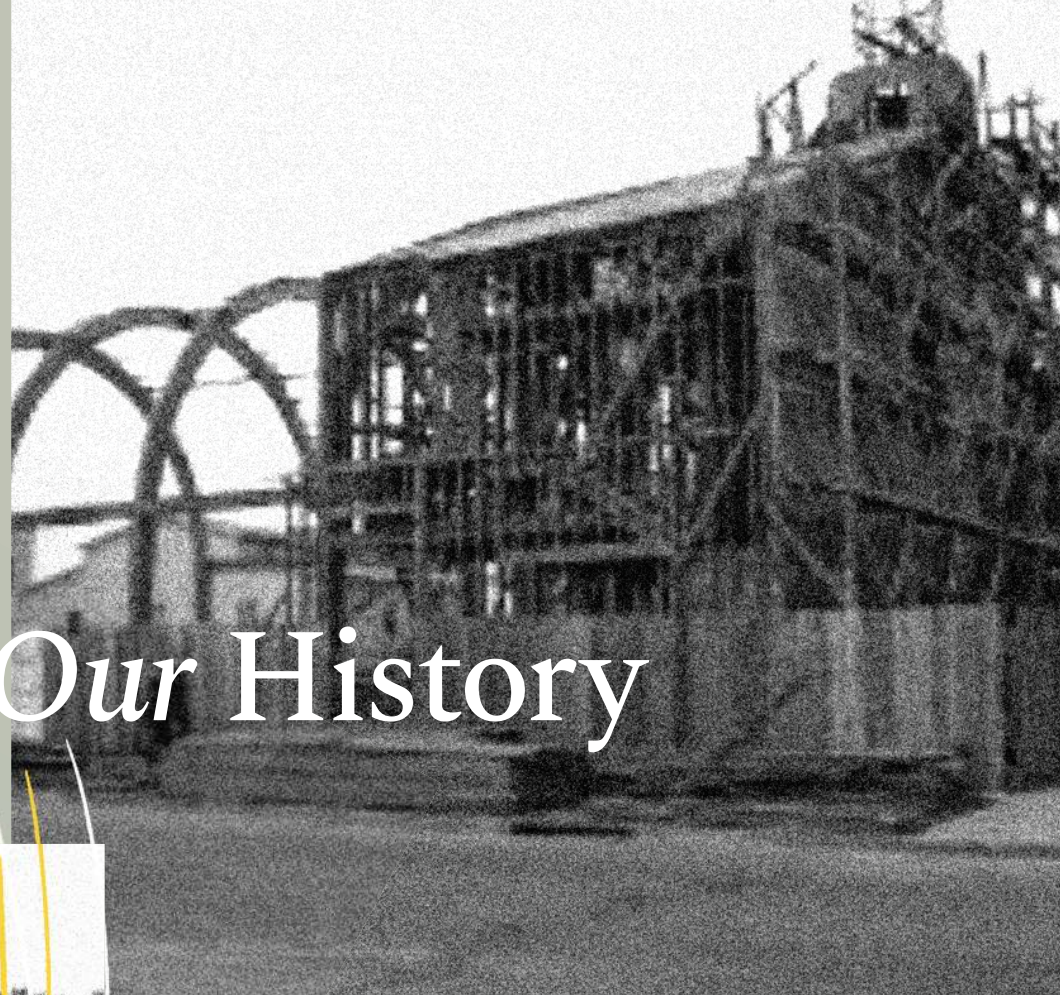
It’s time to renew our commitment to the city, with additional space to plan, establish and support new church plants.

It’s time to shake off the pandemic and renew our focus on what God has in store. To renew our minds and our desires.

Many have sacrificed so that we could be here today. They built, they gave, they gathered and they prayed.

Now it’s our time to do our part.
It’s **A Time of Renewal.**

“All this isn’t for ourselves, but for the sake of the city.”



Our History



In 1950 a small local church called Trinity Baptist Church sacrificially gave their time, finances, skills and, literally their own labor to build a new church campus in the heart of the booming westside of Los Angeles

They knew the strategic importance of an enduring ministry center -- a beacon of the gospel for generations to come. Since its founding, this church campus has been a thriving and overflowing center for the Kingdom of God. The stories of what God has done through the generations of Christians in this building are simply amazing.

2012 / RELOCATE TO WEST LA

2011 / EASTER LAUNCH

2015 / MERGE WITH TRINITY

“Since its founding, this church campus has been a thriving and overflowing center for the Kingdom of God.”



Ger and Lizzie Jones planted Vintage Church in 2011 with only a handful of people in a small, rented facility in Santa Monica. Vintage never dreamt that God, in 2015, would open the door to merge with Trinity Baptist and step into this much larger kingdom story that had begun decades prior.



God has entrusted us with these facilities so that we can run with the baton and step into the next season of gospel ministry that God has for this location. Since the merger in 2015, we have seen God’s spirit poured out in our church in incredible ways. We have grown from a handful to thousands of people — all ages and backgrounds. We have witnessed hundreds come to faith and planted two churches, Pasadena and Malibu.

But the **best is yet to come!**

2017 / VINTAGE MALIBU

2020 / MERGE WEST LA & SANTA MONICA

2019 / VINTAGE PASADENA

2023 / IT'S A TIME OF RENEWAL



An aerial photograph of a city, likely Los Angeles, with a church building in the foreground. The church is highlighted with a white line drawing and several yellow scribbles. The text "Expanding our capacity" is overlaid on the image in a white serif font.

Expanding *our* capacity

Double our ministry capacity for courses, Alpha, prayer meetings, and families

Online: improved technology and capacity

Refurbish Judson Hall

Upgraded bathrooms

Sanctuary:
Climate control,
audio/visual
upgrades

An architectural sketch of a church building, viewed from an elevated perspective. The drawing is in black lines on a light gray background. Yellow arrows and lines point to various areas of the building, indicating planned improvements. The text 'New Ministry Center for training, events and offices' is positioned in the upper right, with yellow lines pointing to a large, rectangular structure. The text 'Expanded Sunday overflow' is in the lower left, with yellow lines pointing to a smaller structure. The text 'Infrastructure: roof repair, electrical updates' is in the lower right, with yellow lines pointing to the roof area. The address numbers '1015' and '1019' are written in yellow on the street corners. The sketch includes details like windows, doors, and landscaping with stylized trees.

New Ministry
Center for training,
events and offices

Expanded
Sunday
overflow

Infrastructure:
roof repair,
electrical
updates

Our Plan

01. Update the Sanctuary \$2.5M
02. Refurbish Classrooms and Judson Hall \$1.5M
03. New Ministry Center \$3.5M

Target:

\$7.5M



Sanctuary

- Install new climate control with the required electrical upgrades.
- Expand and update our bathrooms and other Sanctuary facilities to accommodate the growth of our community.
- Upgrade audio, visual and streaming equipment so that we can step into the new cultural reality of providing a complementary blend of in-person and online ministry for both Vintage Santa Monica attendees as well as church plants so they have the benefit of live-streaming as well as in-person preaching.

Classrooms & Judson Hall

- Double our current classroom and family ministry capacity by remodeling the space for exclusive use for courses, Alpha, family and kids ministries. This allows us to create a new ecosystem of ministries and resources to equip our entire community to thrive in both their faith and relationships.
- Remodeling Judson Hall will serve as both overflow for worship services as well as event and ministry space throughout the week. Updates and modernization (both aesthetically and technologically) will allow flexibility for our growing needs.

Ministry Center

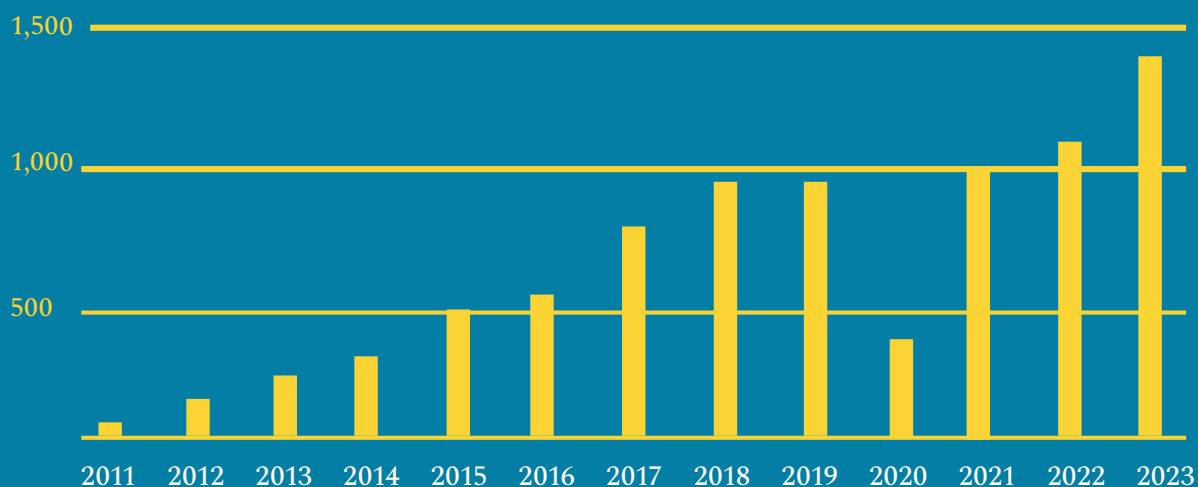
- Moving our staff offices next door to the old preschool building at 1019 California will free up space for the expansion of all our ministries in the 1015 building.
- Our new Ministry Center will not only contain staff offices, but also large, flexible meeting space to support our growing Vintage Network of churches and serve as the hub of leadership and theological training to serve LA for decades to come.

Why now?

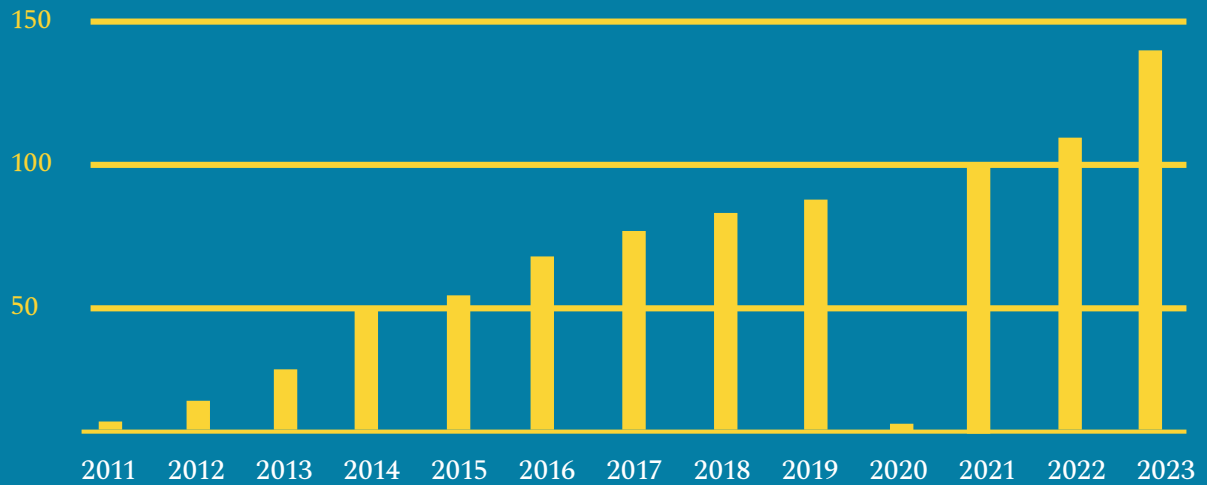
We're experiencing unprecedented fruitfulness, and feel God is moving in our church. While we take no pride in numbers and growth, we want to prepare for what seems to be happening — more and more people are experiencing Jesus here at Vintage.

- Overflow attendance on Sundays
- Courses are booming
- 50 active groups
- Record “love your neighbor” participation

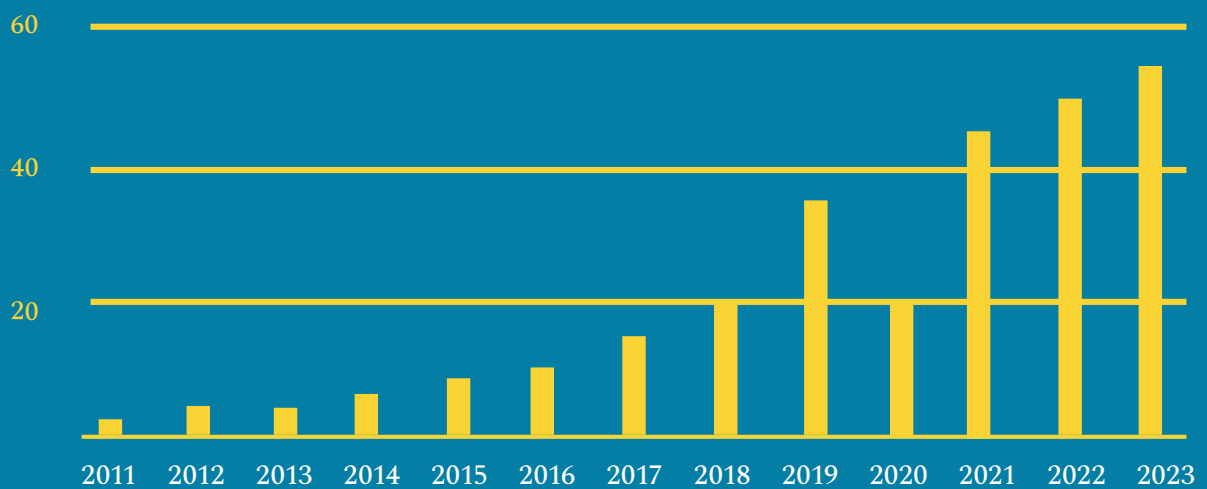
Total Sunday Attendance



V-Kids Sunday Attendance



V-Youth Sunday Attendance



What's next?

*What can you do to join us in
A Time of Renewal?*

Pray

First and foremost, we hope that you join us in prayer. We pray that God provides whatever is necessary to serve the city of Los Angeles, in all humility, with a focus on Jesus and not on ourselves. We hope that you join us in asking God, “what would you have me do, Father?”

Groups

Look out for special renewal-themed curriculum in your regular Group meetings — designed to spark conversations about personal growth and renewal during this season.

Events

Learn more by attending one of our two Renewal Socials on either Thursday, March 2 or Friday, March 3. Each event will feature the same content, with opportunities to dig deeper and ask questions these projects or this moment in our church.

Dinner provided.

RSVP online at vintagechurchla.com/renewal

Talk to Someone

Talk to your volunteer or group leader, or feel free to reach out to anyone on our A Time of Renewal campaign committee.

Ger Jones	Senior Pastor
Greg Gibbs	Executive Pastor, Campaign Lead
Gary Clemmer	Director of Finance
Savannah Morris	Campaign Coordinator
Sarah Reimers	Director of Parent Ministry
Barry Smith	Board Member; Architect Liaison
Alec McNayr	Board Member; Campaign Comms Lead
Laura Francis	Board Member; Staffing Committee
John Kettnich	Board Member; Finance Committee
Matt Ayers	Board Member; Finance Committee

Pledge Sunday

March 26

Mark your calendars for Pledge Sunday, where we'll bring our resources together to join God in what He has planned for Vintage and our city (see more about pledging on page 30).

FAQs

What is driving the need to raise money right now?

The excitement of a growing and vibrant ministry has caused the senior leadership and the board to think about the best way to get ready and expand for the future. God has graciously provided us this amazing campus and we believe it is our turn to make the sacrifices that generations have done before us. They got us to this point. It is time to do our part. We want to expand and prepare our campus for the gospel to be proclaimed in Los Angeles for the generations that will follow.

How have we sensed God leading us toward this?

It has been amazing to see how things have evolved. When we received the building and the opportunity to house Vintage in the new space, we knew one day it would require updating because of the age of the facilities. Once we started down the path of “necessary maintenance upgrades,” we sensed God’s pleasure and provision in this growing congregation and felt more urgency around getting ready and expanding for a harvest. Simply from the perspective of good stewardship, we have an empty building that can be used to expand our capacity to grow further.

How will we utilize the facilities beyond Sunday morning?

Already, the buildings, classrooms, courtyard and sometimes the sanctuary are used throughout the week. Members of the congregation and surrounding community are invited to participate in courses, groups, and meetings and there will often be 100 or more people on sight on any given weeknight. Through Bible study, Socials, Parenting and Marriage courses, Kingdom Come worship nights, the Emotionally Healthy Spirituality course and Alpha (to name a few) people throughout the region are encountering Jesus and the church in life-changing ways. The facilities provide a venue for us to be a teaching church as well, with masterclasses taught by our senior leaders to pastors from around the country.

What needs to be fixed, updated or expanded and how will this help us be more effective?

With buildings that are a half-century old or older, there are undoubtedly things that are not ready for modern life and church activity. We have outdated bathrooms, aging electrical systems, no air conditioning and a fully vacant building next door (1019 California) that could be used for a variety of purposes. We have aspirations to expand our capacity to serve our community and fuel and empower churches throughout the region through a home base for ministry here as well as beyond Santa Monica. We knew when we were given the building this day would come. That day is here.

How did we arrive at the current designs?

A team of staff and board members have engaged with architects, builders, and consultants to decide the best way forward. The needs we have now and in the future were held in view, as well as some of the practical concerns about what we can and cannot do to a facility of this age. With a long view of Vintage's presence in LA, a few questions were asked:

- How can we honor God by caring this campus?
- How can we get ready for the decades ahead of us?
- What will it take to make this a headquarters for a network of Vintage churches in the region?

Are we planning to start more locations like Malibu and Pasadena?

One of the most effective ways to reach more people with the good news of Jesus is to start new churches. The beauty of new expressions of the church is that people are often more likely to join something that is starting than to break into something that already exists. There are hundreds of people gathered at each of our current campuses and we have dreams for more. There are strategic places in the region including the South Bay that are in our prayers and in our strategic discussions.

FAQs

How do we expect to raise this amount of money?

For some, \$7.5M will seem very reasonable for the projects we're undertaking. For others, it will feel like an overwhelming amount. We honor all opinions in this area, of course, as we all bring different life experiences to conversations like this. Please know that experts in church fundraising indicate that, in a multi-year campaign like this one, a congregation our size and with our historical financial giving patterns can raise this amount. A campaign of this magnitude may feel like a stretch for our faith and our giving, but it is not beyond reason. It will certainly take serious consideration, prayer and ultimately sacrifice from every person who calls Vintage home, regardless of how much they eventually choose to give.

How long have we been at the campus on 1015 California Ave?

The merger of Trinity and Vintage under the leadership of Vintage happened in 2016, and prior to that, Vintage met in rented facilities. This extravagant story of kingdom generosity and unity has only just begun. And we believe it is our turn to contribute to the next chapter.

What upgrades, if any, have we done so far?

When we first relocated to the campus, the sanctuary was in need of some cosmetic touch ups, an initial audio and visual upgrade as well as the removal of pews, in favor of more flexible seating. Our sanctuary can now allow for Alpha and other courses in a large space that can accommodate a few hundred gathered in circles of chairs for discussion. Some significant plumbing reconstruction was done below the sanctuary because of an emergency flooding situation and a recent and very modest upgrade of the restrooms represents a short term fix on the way to a long-term expansion of the size of those rooms.

What is the building to the east? Are we using it right now?

The building directly to the east ([1019 California Ave](#)) is part of our campus. It was most recently occupied by a preschool, operated by a third party and subsidized by the Trinity Baptist church. When Vintage merged with Trinity, the independent preschool decided to leave for bigger premises. It has remained vacant and represents a large opportunity for us to free up space in the main building by moving our ministry and administrative functions into the building next door.



FAQs

The sanctuary looks beautiful! What is driving the need to modernize?

We agree! The sanctuary is beautiful and we want to preserve the aesthetic and celebrate it. However, any upgrades to our audio, video, lighting and the installation of air conditioning will require a significant overhaul of the electrical system. We are still operating with a half-century-old building, in terms of infrastructure.

What is happening with the kids, youth and family wing?

On the other side of the courtyard is a structure full of discipleship rooms, offices and children's ministry rooms. However, with the rapid growth of our church and ministries we need to expand our capacity for courses and children's ministry by moving the staff out of the building into new administrative offices next door. This will result in doubling our classrooms for discipleship, children and family ministry. A larger reception and check-in area will accommodate the volume of families dropping children off. Some bathrooms, some interior wall removal and redesign and a full cosmetic makeover of walls, floors, furniture and fixtures will bring this old building into modern form and function.

Why do we need a new ministry center?

An expanding mission and ministry opportunities often comes with expanding staff and meeting space needs. Our current staff hovers around 30 people and a future staff may rise up to 40 at our Santa Monica headquarters. With two church plants and more on the way, the management of a network of churches, church plants, church leaders and ministry around LA will be administratively housed in the 1019 California building. All this, on top of the fact that moving our offices out of their existing footprint will double our classroom capacity.

How much will construction disrupt Sunday or weekday services?

Any work done at 1015 California (whether sanctuary or classrooms) may affect our use of the space on a Sunday, but the utmost care will be given to safety, efficiency, and the best sequence of projects. Any construction performed at the 1019 California build will not affect our current operations, though we may lose a handful of parking spots for a while.

Have we already determined who our architect and contractor will be?

We engaged Anthony J Poon as architect and his team has provided guidance as we have been refining plans. A contractor has helped us determine rough order of magnitude as well as cost estimates but construction will only begin after a competitive bid process. We have invested in asbestos abatement teams and electrical engineers to this point, and will continue to tap the appropriate professionals along the way.

Is our current staff in a position to manage these projects as well as day to day ministry?

Yes and no. Our staff is strong and has been supporting a growing ministry with record attendance and involvement by the congregation. In the last year, Ger Jones has been joined by multi-decade ministry professionals to play the roles of Executive Pastor and Director of Finance. At the same time, we are aware that none of the current staff has the ability to appropriately manage these capital projects, so the search for a two-year Construction Project Manager has begun.

FAQs

Will we wait for all of the money to come in before we start the projects?

Statistically, capital campaigns at churches have a high rate of fulfillment - meaning, church people fulfill their pledges. We don't plan on the money coming in immediately, but instead over the full 24-month period. Our finance team will create a cash spend timetable that will allow us to start right away, either using cash from our earliest gifts, or by using standard, short-term financing as a last resort.

What if the amount pledged is significantly over or under the target amount?

If we do not reach our target, we will scale back some of the projects and wait for a future opportunity to re-engage them. The good news in exceeding our target is that it will allow for any unanticipated cost overruns or the impact of inflation on projects that won't start right away. And, if for some reason any one of our members has an unexpected change in their ability to fulfill their pledge, the "extra" will help make up for that shortfall.

What if I cannot give at this time to the Renewal campaign?

We anticipate that some may not be in a position to give beyond what they are giving right now to the mission of Vintage. Of course, we will never make anyone feel anything other than love from us - this is not earned nor lost by a financial donation. We encourage you to pray and be supportive of the Renewal campaign in other ways.

How will I be updated on the progress toward my pledged amount?

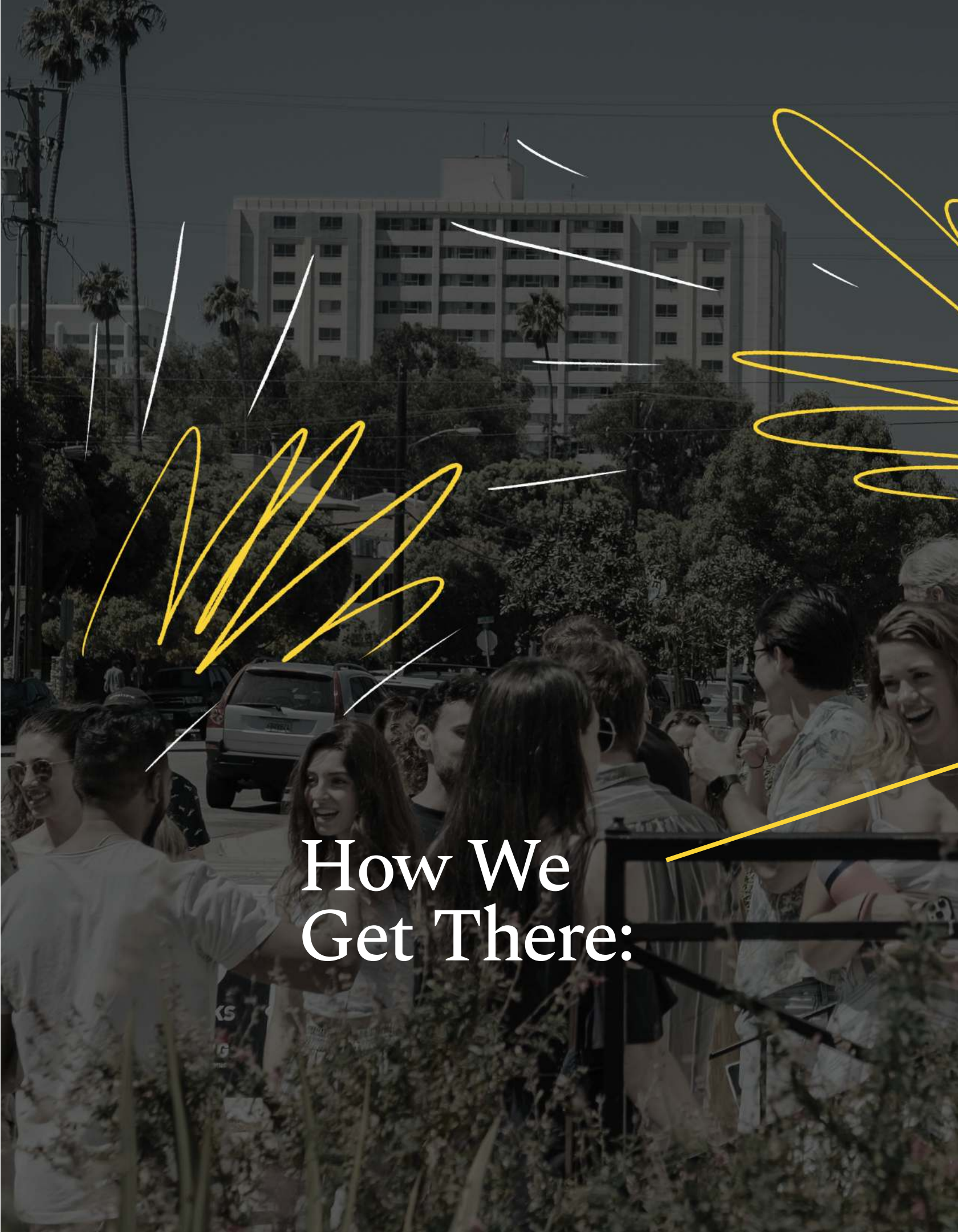
The finance office at Vintage keeps accurate records of all things related to donations and will distinguish between your giving to the operating fund and the over-and-above giving you do to the A Time Of Renewal Fund. All who pledge will receive an automated quarterly report – and update on what you’ve given versus your original pledge, for your consideration. We will simply report and never chase or pester.

How is financial accountability and decision-making handled at Vintage?

Day-to-day financial operations are under the leadership of Gary Clemmer, Director of Finance. He and Executive Pastor, Greg Gibbs, are teamed with members of the board that make up a Finance Team. The senior staff issues financial reports monthly to the Vintage Board. Vintage outsources accounting to Mesa, a church-focused professional services firm. The strategic and top-level finance decisions are made by the board and are executed by the staff. In an “open books” environment, any member of our community can request to see our budget or spending.

What sources can I use to fund my A TIME OF RENEWAL commitment?

Typically cash and savings are the first sources that come to mind, but you are welcome to fulfill your commitment using stocks, mutual funds, annuities, IRA distributions and even assets like vehicles, land, real estate or business holdings. There are often tax advantages to the donor when giving non-cash assets. For example, it is possible to reduce or eliminate tax liability on the appreciation of stocks by donating via a stock transfer. Please check with your tax advisor on these matters, and if you have any questions about using non-cash assets to fund your commitment, please reach out to our Director of Finance, Gary Clemmer at gary.clemmer@vintagechurchla.com



How We
Get There:

A crowd of people is gathered outdoors, possibly at a social event or campaign stop. The scene is dimly lit, suggesting dusk or dawn. In the background, several palm trees are visible against a dark sky. The foreground shows a group of people, some looking towards the camera and others looking away. A prominent yellow scribble, consisting of several overlapping, elongated loops, is drawn across the upper portion of the image. Another yellow scribble, a single diagonal line, is drawn across the middle of the image, passing through the text. The overall mood is casual and social.

Campaign Pledges

2-Year Pledge Campaign

March 2023-March 2025

Do I give now?

While we won't turn down any gifts toward this campaign now, we're asking our Vintage church community to prayerfully consider a pledge.

Here's how to think about pledging:

It's over and above your normal giving

Our church operates on the generous donations of our members. We don't want fundraising for these projects to affect our ability to conduct our day-to-day ministry activities. So we ask that you consider what you could give beyond your typical giving or tithing.

It's between you and God—only

Some in our church will have the capacity to pledge an additional amount, and some will not — and that's okay! Giving to support these projects is your decision to consider with God. You should not ever feel compelled to give. You're a loved part of this community, no matter what.

It's over a two-year period


Instead of giving one time, think about what you might be able to give over the next 24 months. You might consider the pay from your job, raises, bonuses, investments, or even unexpected surprises. Some may want to give in such a way that it aligns with tax planning across three years (2023, 2024, and 2025).

Target:

\$7.5M

If we all do our part,
each in our own
capacity, together and
responding to what
God is moving us to do,
we can do great things.





Would you prayerfully
consider what you
would give over a
two-year period for
A Time Of Renewal
and be ready to respond
by March 26th, 2023?

vintagechurchla.com/renewal



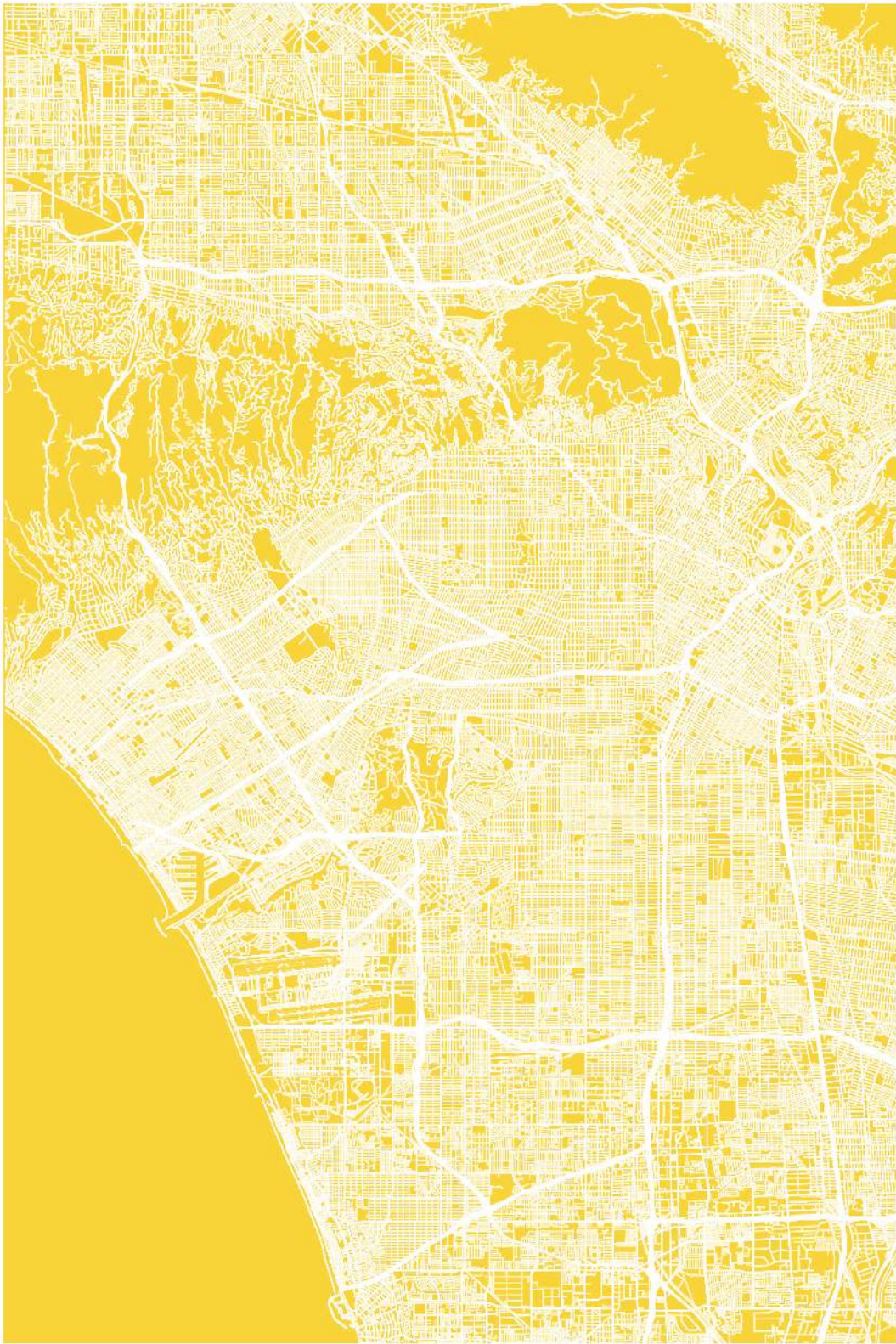
Vintage Church



Los Angeles



A Time of



Expanding our capacity for
the renewal of **LA**