

Giving to Continuing the Vision

There are a variety of ways to support Koronis Ministries' effort to build a new tabernacle, and all gifts make a difference. Individuals will be given an opportunity to make a three-year commitment to the "Continuing the Vision" fundraising effort. Pledges may be given as a one-time gift or as a weekly, monthly, quarterly, or annual commitment. Here are some of the most popular ways to give:

Cash

Gifts of cash are 100 percent tax deductible up to 50 percent of a giver's adjusted gross income. Should the gift amount exceed the 50 percent limit, the gift may be deducted over as many as five years.

Appreciated stock

Gifts of securities and other appreciated assets owned for more than one year have a double tax benefit: a charitable deduction for the full market value and avoiding capital gains tax. Gifts of appreciated stock will be redeemed immediately upon receipt.

Real estate

Real estate gifts have tax advantages. They bypass both capital gains and standard depreciation recapture, and the donor receives a charitable deduction for the full appraised value.

Charitable trusts

You can establish a charitable annuity trust or other types of trusts, wills, or estate plans that allow you to leave a legacy for Koronis Ministries.

IRA charitable rollover

Individuals age 70½ or older can give up to \$100,000 per year directly from their IRA. Using a rollover gift reduces your income and taxes even if you do not itemize deductions. Contact your IRA administrator about a charitable rollover.

Memorial gift options

If you're interested in sponsoring a specific part of the new tabernacle, there are a number of gift options to choose from. Some of them are:

\$50	10 sq. ft. of meeting room carpet (7,900 sq. ft. needed)	\$2,000	Window (40 needed)
\$75	• Dining room folding chair • 10 sq. ft. of dining room flooring (7,900 sq. ft. needed)	\$2,500	Wi-fi system
\$100	Meeting room seat (300 needed)	\$5,000	Two small windows on building peak
\$125	Meeting room microphone (4 needed)	\$10,000	• Meeting room AV system (4 needed) • LED video monitors
\$250	• Dining room table (40 needed) • Patio umbrella (8 needed)	\$15,000	Meeting room platform lighting (4 sets needed)
\$300	Small light fixture (150 needed)	\$19,200	Octagon window
\$500	Large light fixture (150 needed)	\$29,280	Lower-level patio
\$1,000	Picnic table (8 needed)	\$30,000	Portable worship stage (4 needed)
\$1,250	Meeting room platform LED spotlight	\$125,000	• Elevator • Upper-level deck
		\$150,000	Meeting room folding divider walls (4 sets needed)

Contact Jack Fistler to arrange your gift or explore additional giving options.

Life insurance

Life insurance is a unique way to leave a legacy to a good cause. You may donate a policy outright. Or you can purchase a life insurance policy, then designate Koronis Ministries as both the owner and beneficiary of the policy. Your premium

payments are tax deductible.

If the policy is paid up, your charitable contribution is generally the replacement value or cost basis of the policy, whichever is less. Premiums paid on a gifted life insurance policy also qualify for deductions.

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Continuing the vision

Plan to build a new tabernacle at Koronis Ministries



A rendering that depicts the exterior of the new tabernacle.

In 1922, Koronis Ministries started as a camp where people of faith could come together to experience Christ and enjoy creation. There were initially just two buildings—a 1,500-seat gathering space, or "tabernacle," and a dormitory. Over the past nine decades, the camp has expanded and thousands of men, women, and children have dedicated their lives to Christ in the historic building. Now, it's time to erect a new tabernacle that will honor and build upon the camp's rich history—and that will prepare it to create thousands more disciples in the decades to come.

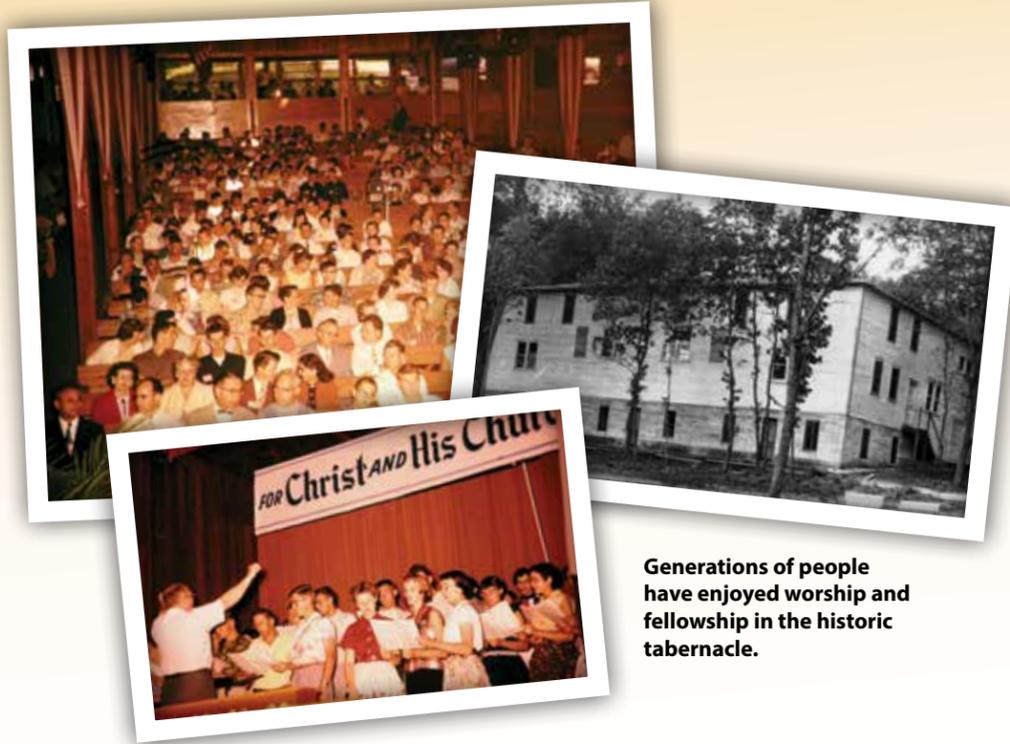
Vision: Replace the historic tabernacle with a new tabernacle that honors the cherished memories and features of the original structure, that is equipped to meet the needs of future generations, and that provides a sacred place where people of all ages can sense God's call in their hearts and commit their lives to Christ.

"As a child, I attended Koronis and heard my grandfather tell stories of the tabernacle's early days. I remember connecting to God through worship as I sang alongside friends. I remember going to the altar rail with counselors or pastors who mentored me and prayed for me. I recall the presence of the Holy Spirit in faces of Spirit-filled brothers and sisters who challenged me to grow in my faith. I will miss the tabernacle. Yet, I am encouraged by our camping ministry that is boldly creating new sacred spaces that will meet the needs of our current generation. I look forward to the new sacred space where I can take my kids and grandkids and tell them the stories of God."

— Rev. Paul Marzahn



History of the tabernacle



Generations of people have enjoyed worship and fellowship in the historic tabernacle.

"Fifty years ago, I was introduced to Koronis as a 15-year-old boy sensing a call to ordained ministry. The event was called Summer Assembly for teenage youth. I can still remember the warmth, acceptance, and love during devotions and the awe of the tabernacle worship. Returning many years later as executive director, there was a holy presence whenever I entered the tabernacle. It is a place where many have met up with God, struggled with life decisions and faith questions. It is time to build a new space where, when you sit down, your back will not stick to the back of the chair when it is too hot and you will not begin to shake because it is too cold—a place that is holy ground because God is with you and waits for you."

— Rev. Wayne Walther

The name "tabernacle," which has Biblical roots as a temporary dwelling in which to worship God, is a testament to the deep faith of our ancestors who built the structure. The 80-foot by 144-foot building was constructed with massive posts and beams and originally had a dirt floor covered with straw, although the floor was later paved. In this place, people came from all over Minnesota and the world to worship with songs, prayers, and preaching—and to dedicate their lives to Jesus. An altar rail provided places to kneel, and leaders gave quiet counsel to those who came to do so.

Thousands gathered in the tabernacle for national conventions in 1926, 1940, and 1950. Numerous large groups also used the facility for a week at a time during the summer. At an annual Summer Assembly for youth and pastors, participants met nightly, 600 strong,

and on Sundays, as many as 1,500 came together for worship. Fifteen bishops provided leadership at Summer Assembly through the years.

Over time, Koronis Ministries expanded with the addition of a second dormitory, private cabins, a retreat center, and a chapel—and a remodeling of the chancel area occurred in both the 1950s and the 1990s.

After almost a century of use, the tabernacle, so rich with memories that even the wooden beams and trusses are filled with the touch of the Holy Spirit, has fulfilled its purpose. New visions beckon, and we are called to provide new ways for the Gospel to reach new people. The Christ who has long spoken to people in that holy place now walks ahead, calling us to new ways of faith-building and service in His name.

"As a 10-year-old, I was always impressed by that huge tabernacle. During services, I would look up and up and up at those huge beams and trusses and rafters, and I wondered, 'Is God way up there?' I know He was!"

— Rev. Dave Schneider

"Thousands of lives have been touched and changed by God in this tabernacle. Many have come to the altar asking Christ into their hearts as their Lord and Savior for the very first time. Some have heard God call them to the ministry. Others have made career choices seeking to praise God through their work. Countless have re-dedicated their lives to Christ. For many, the tabernacle will stand forever in their hearts and memories."

— Jill Jungers

New tabernacle

Needs have changed dramatically over the past 90-plus years of the tabernacle's existence. Its amenities met the needs of its visitors when it was initially constructed. But as building standards, technology, expectations of camp groups, and the use of the facility evolved, they created needs that the building could no longer accommodate.

The old tabernacle had no restrooms, air conditioning, ceiling fans, or heat, and it wasn't able to be used year-round. Modern amenities, meeting space, and technological capabilities are needed in order to attract year-round groups to camps and retreat centers.

About 12 years ago, a new tabernacle was identified as part of Koronis' master plan for development. But the new tabernacle was put on hold as the Minnesota Annual Conference stepped back to complete a comprehensive review of its entire camping ministry.

With that review complete and a solid ministry plan in place, camping leaders partnered with nationally recognized camp consultant Kaleidoscope in 2012 to study camp properties and explore key moves to position them for growth and financial stability well into the future. Kaleidoscope affirmed the plan to build a new tabernacle and cited it as a key leverage point for Koronis' long-term vitality.

In early 2014, the conference's Camping and Retreat Board and Board of Trustees decided the time was right to move forward with the construction of a new facility over the next few years.

The vision for a new tabernacle is a multi-level, multi-use worship and meeting center that contains:



A rendering that depicts the interior of the new tabernacle.

Campaign goal: \$3 million

The amount that will actually be spent on a new tabernacle and the new tabernacle's exact size and specifications will be determined by the funds raised for this project.

Timeline



- a worship space that can be divided into separate meeting rooms
- a dining room and commercial kitchen
- restrooms
- air conditioning
- heat
- improved lighting
- advanced technological capabilities
- intentional outdoor gathering areas where visitors can enjoy creation

The new tabernacle's dining room will be able to seat up to 280 or be divided into multiple spaces for smaller groups, and the whole building will contain ample room for organization and storage. The new tabernacle also capitalizes on views of the lake, connects with a patio for outdoor dining, and is surrounded by beautiful green space.

Eventually, Koronis Ministries' current kitchen and dining space (located in the nearby Lakeview building) will be remodeled into smaller meeting areas.

The amenities in the new tabernacle will enhance the experience of longtime groups that return each year and attract new groups whose needs couldn't be accommodated by the old structure. Because the new tabernacle will be designed for year-round use, more groups than ever before will be able to make Koronis part of their lives and faith journeys.

The new tabernacle will be a place where people of all ages can continue to be touched by God's wonder-filled creation and come to know Christ, themselves, and each other more deeply.