



FLING WIDE THE DOOR
Embracing All In Christ

“This campaign is us saying ‘YES’ to our dreams. I am hoping people rise up to that yes!”
– *Pastor Frank Lee*

There is still time to RSVP for our **Fling Wide the Door** All Congregation Event being held at the Mooring Line Drive Campus on Friday, March 24th from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM.

If you haven't yet done so, please respond to this invitation by indicating your plans for attendance to **Gina Fidler** at gina@naplesemmanuel.org or (239) 261-0894 xt. 303.



APPEAL SUMMARY:

Our Campaign, ***Fling Wide the Door...Embracing All in Christ***, includes our Annual Stewardship Appeal for 2023 and our Capital Appeal. We are seeking your support for both components of this campaign. Projects funded through the Capital Appeal will break down barriers by expanding access to worship, faith formation, quality theological education, and hospitality. The Capital Appeal funding will position us organizationally, structurally and financially for long-term sustainability.

Following the destruction of Hurricane Ian, leadership reflected on this campaign's timing and goals. Responding to God's Call to expand our ministries, as has been our vision for 20+ years under Pastor Steve's leadership, is even more important to us than ever. Some projects may be deferred for a couple of years or until planned gifts cover the implementation costs. Capital appeal gifts may be unrestricted or restricted to specific projects.

Projects will be funded in the following order:

Infrastructure at the Park.....	\$1.5 million
Refreshing our Life Together at Mooring Line Drive.....	\$2 million
Operational Funding for Emmanuel Academies	\$1.25 million
Community Hall at the Park	\$5.5 million
Scholarships for 50 Seminarians	\$1.5 million
New Programs for Emmanuel Park Church	\$500,000
Spanish Language Master of Divinity	\$250,000
Welcoming and Hospitality Space	\$5.25 million
Emmanuel Academies Endowments.....	\$2 million
General Endowment	\$1 million



Step 5: Have Faith and Assume Sufficiency Not Scarcity

Little was ever accomplished without sacrifice. This is true in our homes, our work, our church, our country. Sacrifice is a necessary component of successful living.

And so it is with the Christian life and faith. Our salvation cost God the cross. *Bonhoeffer* rightly said there is no cheap grace.

Much of church giving is only token giving, averaging about two percent of income. No wonder there is so little joy or satisfaction in it! It requires no sacrifice! We have given only what we could easily afford, what we would not really miss.

Experience has shown that giving, to be meaningful and joyful, has to be sacrificial! Each will have to determine what amount or percentage is sacrificial for his or her circumstances. But experience again suggests that for most people sacrificial giving begins at five percent of income with proportions under five percent falling into the token giving category.

Church interest is often low, studies have shown, because investment is low. There is no sacrifice. It doesn't really cost anything. Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there will be your heart also." (Luke 12:34) Where is my treasure? Where is my heart?