

Hello Compass Church Members,

Great to be on mission with you! We hope you sense how God is moving in our church family!

We have exciting news:

If approved by our Members, The Compass Church would like to purchase a piece of land in Plainfield to be the future new home of our Three Rivers Campus.

We love our Three Rivers land and building on Rt 59 south of Plainfield and fully celebrate the history of that part of our church family! We want to expand the ministry impact of our church greatly in the Plainfield area and want to be sure we're doing that in the best way possible. That said, our current land and building has some limitations: low visibility away from the road, limited growth potential on a flood plain, building systems issues such as fire protection, water quality issues - not being attached to city water and limited square footage and few rooms for ministry. The total costs to fulfill our vision in Plainfield cause us to examine the best possible options.

We have found a property on Rt 59 that we're considering - south of downtown Plainfield and north of our current church location. The property is an 8-acre corner lot on the southwest corner of Rt 59 and Renwick, a major cross street. It's 1.5 miles north of our current property; a 3-minute drive. Our long-range intent is to build a Campus that is similar to our South Naperville Campus in terms of ministry capacity: square footage, seating, parking, staffing, etc. Plainfield is considered the fastest growing "boomtown" in Illinois, having grown from 5,000 residents to over 45,000 in population in the past 30 years and it's still expanding!

Our church philosophy has been to always celebrate the history of our Campuses. We believe the current Three Rivers property is a gift from God! We affirm the personal sacrifice and devotion that made our current building what it is. Our desire is to fulfill the original Great Commission vision of the Three Rivers Church. The people of Plainfield need churches to reach them for the gospel aggressively. This new land possibility could best serve us to achieve our mission of *Helping People Find & Follow God* in Plainfield.

At the southwest corner of Rt 59 and Renwick there is over 75-acres of currently undeveloped land. About 60 of those acres, away from the Rt 59, have been purchased by a developer for building senior housing. This sale is complete and the plans are drawn up. The 13-acres by Rt 59 are for sale. We would purchase this land, with the intent of selling off the southern acres, away from the corner, to a retail and restaurant developer; putting an access street between those lots and our new lot. We would retain the 8-acres at the corner. By comparison, 8 acres is the same acreage as we have in South Naperville, a 15-min drive from this property.

Buying this land and building a location of our church on it would have several significant advantages over our current property. We would be on a corner lot, with higher traffic count and visibility. We would be closer to the heart of Plainfield where more people live and go to school and with access to city utilities. We would have neighborhood connections and access through Renwick as a major cross street in both directions. We would be in a fully developed area, surrounded by well-respected business. We would be able to build new construction customized to our needs and able to serve over 1,000 people, as at our South Naperville Campus.



At the same time that we took an interest in this new property, the Will County Forest Preserve District approached us unsolicited about possibly buying our current land. They have a sizable grant to preserve wildlands in that area and have a real interest in incorporating our current property into their plans. We're in talks with them about what this could mean. Our intent would be to sell our current land to them or another buyer when the time is right. If so, our current property would both serve the community and help make this next step in ministry possible.

Our Congregational governance and By-laws call upon our Members to prayerfully discern and decide land purchases and land sales through official votes. We love this process by which the Holy Spirit can speak to and through us all! This is an important part of our church health.

The Elder Board of The Compass Church is putting forward the following motion for vote at a **Congregational Meeting on Sun, Mar 2, 2025 from 4-5:30p at our Naperville Campus**. Members will have opportunity to attend and vote in-person or online. You can register for childcare for this meeting on our website [HERE](#).

The motion being presented by the Elder Board is as follows:

Motion to authorize The Compass Church to borrow and expend funds, not to exceed \$4.1 million, for the purchase of real estate consisting of approximately 13.35 acres of land located at 15916 S. Route 59, Plainfield, Illinois, contingent upon the approval of special use zoning by the Village of Plainfield.

In preparation for this vote, we want to invite you to any combination of the following next steps:

- **Email** Executive Pastor Darrell Cloud at dcloud@thecompass.net
- **Email** the Elders at elders@thecompass.net
- Attend an **Online Q&A Session** Tue, Feb 18 or Thu, Feb 20 at 7p; RSVP on our website [HERE](#)
- Come to a **Town Hall Meeting** at our Three Rivers Campus on Sun, Feb 16 at 4p

If our Members affirm this direction by vote, the next step would be that Village of Plainfield leaders could vote on this topic at a meeting they have on Tue, Mar 4, 2025. If we were able to purchase the land, we would likely take ownership late summer. We would build on the land in the future as the resourcing for construction became clear. Getting the right land for all our Campuses is vital to our calling. Let's be on mission: *Helping People Find & Follow God.*

May the Lord lead!

Prayerfully,

Jeff Griffin	Senior Pastor
Darrell Cloud	Executive Pastor
John Saucedo	Elder Chairman
Steve Yi	Elder Secretary

