

A History of Courage and Action

Our history has roots in Hayward and Castro Valley back 140 years. In 1871, the Rev. Edward Warren, a missionary, ministered occasionally in Hayward. By 1886, we become organized as Trinity Mission by Rev. Hamilton Lee. The first service as Trinity Church was held at Luce's Hall in downtown Hayward on October 31, 1886.

In 1887, William Pearce donated two lots for the construction of a church building, and the building fund was started. Construction began in the spring of 1888 and the first service was conducted on April 8, 1888. The church numbered 35 families. The Guild Hall was completed in 1893. A vested choir sang for the first time on May 4, 1893.

Records show the early church had a difficult time in making ends meet and paying the salary of the rector, but they persevered. They were active in assisting various causes and catastrophes that occurred throughout the world.

In 1954, Trinity Church was moved to a new site on Templeton Street. A new larger Parish Hall and Sunday School building were built and the parish was flourishing. In 1977, Trinity's world turned upside down. The rector called a special meeting of members to "repudiate those divisive actions of the 65th General Convention of the Episcopal Church" and to propose that Trinity disassociate itself from the Diocese. On April 2, the rector and vestry voted to begin the process of separation.

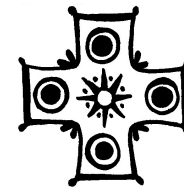
A month later, 68 parishioners attended a special meeting at the Hill and Valley Club to discuss these actions. In a 65 - 3 vote, they revoked the action taken by the vestry and decided to continue Trinity's association with the Diocese of California and the Episcopal Church. They sued to have the property returned to the Diocese. The first court decision in 1978 stated that the vestry action was legal and the Diocese did not have a claim. In 1980, that ruling was overturned and property was returned to the Diocese. In 1983, the Court of Appeals overturned that ruling and the property was returned to the first group.

On April 10, 1983, Holy Cross Episcopal Church was formed and, after a final service at the old redwood church in Hayward, parishioners marched 200 strong the two miles to their new home at Independent School in Castro Valley under the leadership of Bishop William Swing.

A building fund was immediately started to buy property and build new buildings. In 1985, Holy Cross purchased an empty lot at Center and Heyer Streets and began the plans for a new sanctuary. In 1988, an adjoining old house was purchased and demolished. Bishop Swing consecrated the new sanctuary on September 11, 1988.

Projects for Mission and Ministry

Corazon House Build	\$9,000
FESCO Project	\$9,000
<u>Expanding Horizons</u>	<u>\$27,210</u>
Total Outreach Projects	\$45,210
Total to Fund 6 projects	\$90,700
Grand Total	\$135,910



Holy Cross Episcopal Church of Hayward and Castro Valley

Projects for Mission and Ministry

"Home is where our heart is — wherever the heart lives"

Holy Cross Episcopal Church is our common spiritual home, a place where we find sustenance and meaning, companionship and support. Here we learn more about what it means to be a follower of Jesus; and here we are empowered to take our gifts out into the world for the building of God's kingdom.

We offer many activities and programs that strengthen our worship, educational, and community life. Three centerpieces of our vibrant programming and ministry are: a Vacation Bible School for 100 campers supported by an incredible team of teens and adults of all ages; an annual Women's Retreat where 40+ women explore our faith and deepen their relationship with God and with each other; and a powerful Holy Week, with distinctive, creative, and meaningful services each day.

As always, we remain extremely grateful for the foresight and sacrifice of those who came before us in establishing and building Holy Cross. In our 2016 Visioning Project we identified some urgent needs for maintenance and repair, and some new dreams to enhance our future as a place of worship and service.

The Vestry identified six projects that will help ensure that Holy Cross' mission and ministry continues for many years to come. To make these improvements to our spiritual home, and to support our important outreach, particularly in the provision of homes for others beyond our walls, we have designed a Projects Fund to bring these needs and dreams to reality.

So, here's the invitation: Join us!





1. Vacation Bible School Storage

10’ x 12’ Shed	\$3,000
1/6 of the funds for outreach projects	\$7,535

Mission & Ministry: VBS is one of our most outwardly visible ministries, attracting interest and excitement beyond our membership. The opportunity to share the sacred and life-giving message of VBS—*I love you and God loves you! And that’s the way it should be!*—with over 100 campers, plus many teens and adults, is a sacred trust. As this important program grows, so do requirements for storage space. This simple shed will take pressure off our overflowing storage areas.

Total for Project #1	\$10,535
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2. Paint inside and new floor in Turner Hall

Flooring	\$8,000
Painting contractor	\$4,000
1/6 of the funds for outreach projects	\$7,535

Mission & Ministry: If the church is the center of our worship life, Turner Hall is the center of our community life. It is used for coffee hour on Sunday morning, for our VBS program, as a polling station during election times, and for many other events and celebrations for our church family and for groups beyond our walls. One of its most profound ministries is providing a place for funeral and memorial receptions, as we reach out to families in the midst of their grief. Given these important roles, fresh paint and a new floor are in order!

Total for Project #2	\$19,535
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4. Paint the outside of the church

Paint Contractor	\$8,700
1/6 of the funds for outreach projects	\$7,535

Mission & Ministry: Our sanctuary, where we gather for worship, is a primary tool for ministry and, like any tool, requires maintenance. As it has been almost 20 years since the outside of the church was last painted, we are way overdue for a new paint job. Now is the time to protect and preserve this beautiful and important space so it can continue to serve the people of God for decades to come.

Total for Project #4	\$16,235
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5. Solar Array for Turner Hall

19.04 kW Solar Array	\$35,000
1/6 of the funds for outreach projects	\$7,535

Mission & Ministry: Holy Cross will take one more step in saving our planet for future generations. This array will produce about a third of our electrical needs, and it is a good first step. SunWorks.org is the nonprofit solar company we will work with to bring a solar array to Holy Cross. They will design our system, train, and expertly guide us in the installation.

Total for Project #5	\$42,535
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3. Landscape the hillside on Heyer Ave

Landscape	\$12,000
1/6 of the funds for outreach projects	\$7,535

Mission & Ministry: In 2011, the 20-foot-tall bushes came down and many of our neighbors discovered there was a church back there! While a good beginning, the dirt and weeds are not welcoming; and combating the weeds takes countless hours that could be better used for life-giving ministries. A good drought-resistant ground cover will hold back the weeds, and greatly enhance our curb appeal and message of welcome.

Total for Project #3	\$19,535
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6. Build steps to directly connect the sanctuary with Turner Hall

Contractor	\$20,000
1/6 of the funds for outreach projects	\$7,535

Mission & Ministry: The original design for the campus included a set of steps linking the rear glass doors of the church with their counterparts that open into Turner Hall. With the sanctuary anchoring our worship life and Turner Hall being the focus of our fellowship, the steps will join these two, signifying the linkage between worship and fellowship as primary building blocks of our community.

Total for Project #6	\$27,535
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