

Building for the Future

September 2024 Update



Dear Friends,

We have been greatly encouraged with progress on our building project over the past few months. Thank you for your continued support and prayers for this project.

Over the summer months, a number of new families have started attending our church. We have moved to a slightly larger room that has become available in the Town Hall for our Sunday morning meetings, and it is already filled to capacity. It thrills us to see the church in Claremorris growing, and underlines the need for a new meeting place.

Planning Completed

We received the final grant of planning approval from Mayo County Council in mid-August. This confirms that no objections have been made to our proposals and completes the planning process.

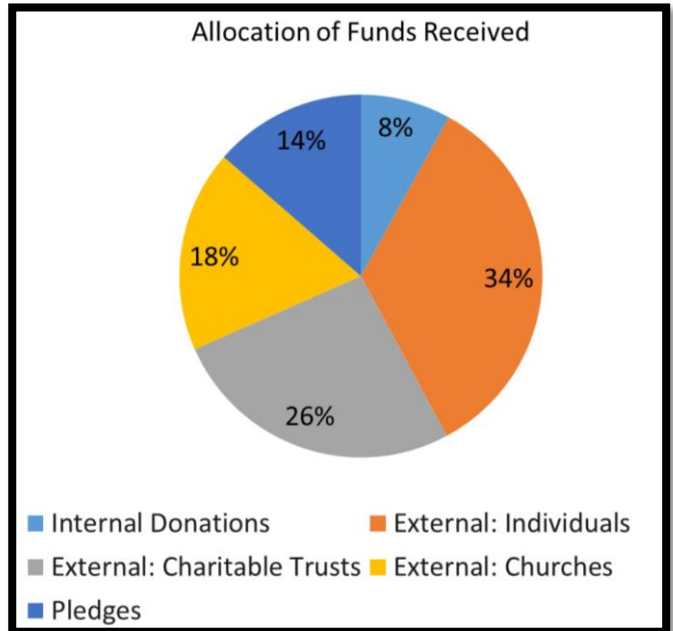
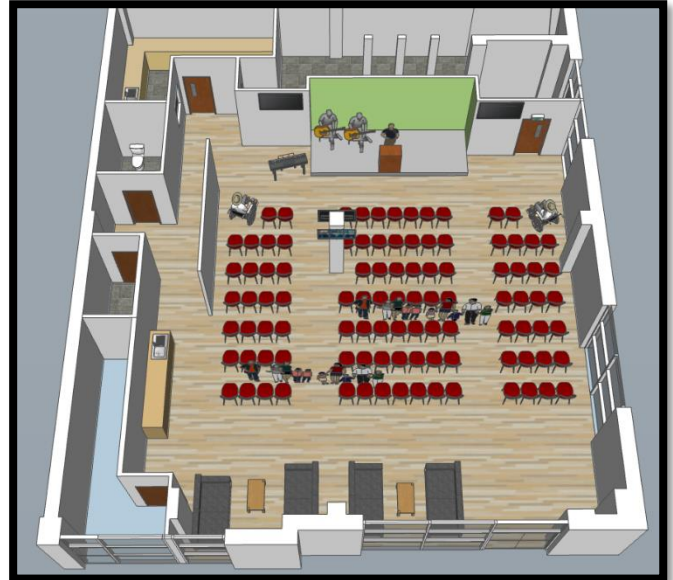
Money for building purchase received

The building purchase price is €285,000. To date we have raised €345,000 (excluding approved loans), which means that we can now move to complete the purchase debt-free.

We are so thankful for all the finance that has been received to help us with this project.

Completing the sale

Having reached these important milestones, the solicitors have been appointed on both sides to complete the sale.



Renovation works

We are now in the process of carefully planning the necessary renovation works. These can be split into two categories:

1. Legally required works

These are jobs that must be completed by registered professionals, certified by the project engineer and approved by the local council before we can legally use the building as a church. These works include the following:

- Fire regulation works - fire walls, escape doors, fire alarm and smoke vents
- Disabled access works - disabled toilets
- Main electrical works

2. Finishes and furniture

These are jobs that can be completed by local tradesmen and volunteers. These works include floor and wall finishes, decorating, furniture, audio-visual equipment and kitchen installation.

When we reach this stage of the project, we hope to utilise our own member's skills and to host volunteer teams.

Financing the renovation works

We estimate that the renovation works will cost in the region of €100,000. Based on the money raised so far, we should have about €35-40,000 remaining after the purchase is completed and fees are paid. We hope to raise additional money to cover the cost of the renovation works, and we can also borrow money if required.

Timescales

It is notoriously difficult to estimate the timescale of construction work in Ireland, but a high level estimate would be as follows:

- Purchase completed by the end of 2024
- Legally required works completed by the end of March 2025
- Finishes and furnishing completed by the end of June 2025

Thank you for your continued prayers and support for this project. Please continue to remember all aspects of the ministry here in prayer.

