



Heartbeats along the way: The Nobly Stirred Heart

*"My heart is stirred by a noble theme." Psalm 45:1
"I will cause your name to be celebrated in all generations;
therefore the peoples will praise you forever and ever." Psalm 45:17*

On September 24, CUMC members have the opportunity to make some preliminary choices on the building and finance plans for our new home at Spring Garden Campus. This is not the final vote, but it is important because it will express our confidence in the actions and direction forward proposed by the Leadership Council and the Building Committee. It is more than a vote on the building: it is a measure of the trust we place in each other and the God who goes before us.

Several times during the desert wanderings of the newly freed Israelites from Egypt to the Promised Land, they lost heart. They cried out for the old days, fearing the way forward. They had personal agendas. They lost their infant-sized faith in God and Moses, his chosen servant. Their hearts were not nobly stirred.

But God tells Joshua and the next generation of Israelites three times to be strong and courageous. With hearts nobly stirred, they cross the Jordan, conquer Jericho, and win the land promised them by the God their fathers turned from so often.

Ours is a noble cause - one worthy of hearts nobly stirred. We are voting for a future we may not see clearly. This is not a vote for a personal agenda. Consider voting forward, not backward.

"O Lord, our strength, show each of us what You want to do through us. May we arrive as one body in love and service. Amen."

~ cl reynolds