THE CTS MOMENTUM CAMPAIGN:
Campus Renovations and Improvements

Café & Community Terrace
Christian Theological Seminary (CTS) is a beautiful, deeply spiritual place like no other, at once an extraordinary theological school and a community destination for people of all faiths in central Indiana and beyond.

Nestled along the White River between the Indianapolis Museum of Art and Butler University, CTS’s mid-century modern campus features an architecturally noteworthy main building, a significant collection of modern art, and a stunning chapel. The campus is strikingly set along a ravine, with gorgeous views of both the Central Canal and the White River.

People of faith have long gathered together for fellowship and conversation over a meal. The CTS Café and its gracious Community Terrace overlooking the canal and river provide the perfect venue for food and fellowship — not only for students and faculty, but also for Midtown neighbors and the entire city of Indianapolis. Indeed, pilgrims of all faiths and denominations from across the country and around the world have found friendship and nourishment in the CTS Café.

After 50 years, however, the Café and Terrace both require significant restoration to return to the warm, graceful hospitality for which they were originally designed. Inside, the Café needs updated lighting, sound, and furnishings. The outside Terrace requires fresh landscape design that fully showcases the river, creates public gathering spaces, and provides destinations for play, fellowship, and reflection.

If CTS is to become both a thriving, dynamic community of faith formation and a celebrated destination in central Indiana, its physical environment must be welcoming, graceful, and hospitable.

With your help, CTS can live into its vision of being a place to experience God’s creation in an urban setting, a beautiful environment for convening important civic conversations and enjoying the fellowship of friends, family, and food.

Lilly Endowment Inc. has graciously provided partial funding to design and renovate the CTS Café and Community Terrace. To complete these two projects, however, we need your help. By making a tax-deductible gift or pledge today to the CTS Momentum Campaign, you can preserve and enhance the Café and Terrace as well as other important renovation projects at CTS — for CTS students, our Midtown neighbors, and our city for generations to come.

Our goal for these renovation projects, as well as others funded in part by Lilly Endowment, is $1,000,000.
Café Upgrades:
- Refinishing of the original mid-century modern Café chairs
- New tables to complement the original chairs
- A large communal table serving as a focal point in the Café
- Soft seating groups for study and conversation
- Architectural wall and ceiling “cloud” units to soften acoustics and provide additional lighting
- Furnishings that can be easily removed or re-configured to accommodate special events and rental of the CTS Café

Terrace Upgrades:
- Wooden deck overlook of the White River and Central Canal
- An outdoor fireplace for gathering and conversation
- Outdoor tables and chairs
- Bluestone terraces at the entrance to the CTS Café
- Crushed granite walkways with benches
- Living wall to define terrace space
- Exterior lighting upgrades
- Ground cover addition with under planting of Spring bulbs
- Replanted Bosque of trees in crushed granite

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1 Overlook
2 Auditorium Entrance
3 Café
4 Common Room
5 Crushed Granite Walk

For a personal tour or to learn more about how you can help to maintain CTS’s momentum, contact Seminary Advancement at (317) 931-2311 or visit us at www.cts.edu.