THE CTS MOMENTUM CAMPAIGN:  
Campus Renovations and Improvements

Grand Courtyard
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 serenely set along a ravine, with gorgeous views of both the Central Canal and the White River.

People of faith have long gathered together to experience God through beauty and symmetry. And one of the most striking venues for coming together is the CTS Grand Courtyard.

Originally designed as a modern version of a monastic cloister, the Courtyard is a stunning green space framed at one end by the striking bell tower of Sweeney Chapel and surrounded by a canopy of trees. It is truly a community asset — not only for students and faculty, but also for Midtown neighbors and the entire City of Indianapolis.

After 50 years, however, now is the time to fully realize the possibilities of this unique outdoor space and execute a landscape architectural design that will create an inviting place where people will play, reflect, explore and worship. Long known as the “Sacred Grass” among CTS students and faculty, the Grand Courtyard needs easy entry points from the surrounding building. And it needs comfortable outdoor seating areas so people feel welcomed to linger.

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.

Lilly Endowment Inc. has graciously provided partial funding to design and renovate the CTS Grand Courtyard. To complete this project, 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 Grand Courtyard as well as other important renovation projects at CTS — for our 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.
Grand Courtyard Upgrades:

- Planting of a double-row canopy of trees on three sides of the Courtyard
- Ground cover addition with underplanting of Spring bulbs
- Construction of bluestone terraces at three Courtyard entrances
- Addition of outdoor tables and chairs on bluestone terraces
- Crushed granite walkways with benches
- Exterior lighting upgrade
- Grass/turf restoration with bluestone edge
- Connection to the hillside overlooking the Central Canal and White River
- Limited removal and reuse of bluestone at Chapel area
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Grand Courtyard

1. Double Alle Canopy Trees
2. Crushed Granite Walk
3. Landscape Plantings
4. 2’ Wide Bluestone Border
5. Crushed Granite Walk
6. Relocated Bluestone
7. Bluestone Plaza
8. Ornamental Trees

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.