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## SALEM CHURCH OF GOD - CLAYTON, OHIO

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"We at Salem Church of God have been more than pleased with our response to our Capital Fund Campaign -- "The Generations Project". We have re-paved all of our parking lots, replaced all of our roofs, and reduced our building debt significantly. Thanks to Jim Walters and Vision Ministries for giving leadership to our CFC initiative!"

**David Boots**, Past Lead Associate Pastor  
(overseeing the church's campaign)

## SOUTH RIVER PARK CHURCH OF GOD - FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA

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"We at South River Park Church were greatly blessed in our Campaign: Together Changing Lives. Jim Walters' leadership was exceptional! He led us through the Campaign with excellent training for the leaders of the Campaign. The two messages Jim shared with our church were on target! We had a challenging goal, and because of his leadership, we exceeded the goal. I strongly recommend Jim Walters and Vision Ministries to any church needing to raise funds."

**Wayne Anderson**, Past Senior Pastor

## EAST SIDE CHURCH OF GOD - SWIFT CURRENT, SASKATCHEWAN, CANADA

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"When we started our Capital Fund Campaign we feared "donor fatigue" as we have been in successive campaigns for 8 years going into this one. We felt we needed a new face and new approach to inject some life into this campaign. We engaged Vision Ministries. With Jim's leadership and the fresh approach we not only met our goal of \$600,000 but also blew by it to have pledges in excess of \$1 million. The campaign not only exceeded our financial expectations but also generated a renewed spiritual enthusiasm for God and His Kingdom work. We are so thankful to Jim and the leadership of Vision Ministries in this campaign."

**Kevin Synder**, Senior Pastor

## CROSSROADS CHURCH OF GOD - HOWELL, MICHIGAN

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"Jim Walters was a pleasure to work with. His style is unimposing and warm. As a former pastor, he really understands the needs of a local church and was able to guide our Capital Fund Campaign Team through the areas that we were unsure about. No one at our church had ever been involved with conducting a capital campaign prior to this experience, and I am confident that we would not have been successful without the help of Jim Walters and Vision Ministries. We reached and exceeded our goal! Thank you Vision Ministries".

**Rob Tramel**, Lead Pastor

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## SUNNY PLACE CHURCH OF GOD - ADDISON, ILLINOIS



"For two years we were wondering how we would raise our needed funds. God brought us many confirmations that we should use Vision Ministries. We now see that God used this ministry to help us grow in spiritual giving, and we exceeded our goal significantly. We are grateful to Jim and Vision Ministries for the important role they play in God's kingdom work."

**Pete Weber, Senior Pastor**

## FIRST CHURCH OF GOD - MONROE CITY, INDIANA



"With the economic downturn, people were beginning to feel that more uncertain economic times were eminent. The possibility of individuals becoming cautious with financial commitments for a precarious economic future seemed very real. However, we committed ourselves to following the campaign plan and trusting in the proven formula of Vision Ministries to secure pledged funds for finalizing our mortgage. The result was success. We exceeded the campaign goal."

**Doug Hooks, Pharmacist  
CFC Co-Director**

## TOWN CENTER CHURCH OF GOD - MOORESVILLE, INDIANA



"Our congregation had never done a formal Capital Fund Campaign. As a result, our first one needed to be done well and produce a win for our congregation. Jim Walters counsel and guidance was just what we needed to produce those results! We exceeded our campaign pledge goal and our congregation's introduction to capital campaign fundraising was a great success!"

**John Crump, Past Lead Pastor**

## COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD - MT. CARMEL, ILLINOIS



"Having worked as a Capital Campaign Consultant myself, I was a little leery of whom we should contract when the church I am now pastoring needed a great campaign. Somehow I felt led to recommend Vision Ministries to my elders and they agreed that we should contact Jim Walters. Are we ever glad we did! The program is so professional and exact, it provides everything a congregation needs to have a healthy campaign, without the high-pressure that many other companies include. We went almost \$77,000 (28%) above our original goal and had fun doing it. Jim was great to work with, and I hope we can use him again three years from now. I wholeheartedly recommend Vision Ministries for any church needing fund raising."

**Rev. Ken Mishler, Past Lead Pastor & Past Executive Director of the former Fund Campaign Services for the Church of God Ministries, Inc.**

## MT. PLEASANT CHURCH OF GOD - EVANSVILLE, INDIANA



"It is my privilege to recommend Jim Walters and Vision Ministries for your next Capital Fund Campaign. Jim brings tons of experience to the table and our church truly believes we would not have made our goal (we actually exceeded our goal by over 50%) without his input and guidance. I'm here to testify that the Vision Ministries' program works!"

**Bruce Applegate, Past Senior Pastor**

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## THE PLANTING COMMUNITY CHURCH - TORONTO, CANADA

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"Jim Walters' approach allowed us to involve individuals with valuable knowledge and gifts, fostering a sense of unity towards a common goal. His encouragement helped us navigate the tensions and ultimately achieve an impressive ninety-nine percent support and exceeded our goal. The Planting Community Church highly recommends Jim Walters of Vision Ministries for your next Capital Fund Campaign. Thank you, Jim, for your invaluable assistance."

**Marcelle James, Lead Pastor**

## CHURCH OF GOD IN BARBADOS

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"I am extremely privileged to have the honor of endorsing Jim Walters and Vision Ministries for their total involvement in the Church of God in Barbados Capital Fund Campaign for the three year period of 2008—2010. In the first two years of the campaign we had already raised in excess of our three-year pledge total. Thanks Jim, thanks Vision Ministries for a very successful campaign with the Church of God in Barbados."

**Rev. Lionel L. Gibson, Past General Chairman**  
**Church of God in Barbados**

## INDIANA MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH OF GOD

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"Indiana Ministries used Vision Ministries and consultant Jim Walters for several years to raise funds for church planting. As Indiana Ministries went through changes in senior leadership, Jim was very flexible and demonstrated a real heart to serve. He was willing to adapt methodology in order to get the job done. I have found Jim to be very knowledgeable in capital fund campaigns and stewardship. I see a persistent passion for the church and her mission of reaching people for Christ. He has proven experience and effectiveness in helping congregations and other ministries raise dollars. Jim will work with you any way he can to meet your needs."

**Dr. Doug Talley, Past Executive State Minister**

## ILLINOIS MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH OF GOD

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"Ministry can be so busy with the urgent daily needs that often important things like raising support for ministry can be pushed back. This is why I used Vision Ministries for the Capital Fund Campaign for Illinois Ministries. It was a good decision. Jim carried the task of keeping me on schedule. He was available when I needed him and was always on time with what he promised. His gentle mannerism of coaching and support removes the high pressure that often accompanies raising money. I endorse Vision Ministries and recommend their services to any church or organization desiring to do their best in raising money for the Kingdom."

**Eric Livingston, Executive State Pastor**

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"When we engaged Vision Ministries as our Capital Fund Campaign consultant, no one anticipated that I would be transitioning to a new role in our national offices during the campaign. Jim Walters skillfully helped our church navigate through uncharted waters of change, and the result was amazing. His reassuring manner helped the people of Salem Church to embrace the Lord's leading and to believe in their own future. Our campaign was a huge success with strong commitments in spite of this unanticipated change in leadership.

Twice now I've partnered with Vision Ministries. First to raise church planting dollars when I was the Executive of Indiana Ministries of the Church of God, and then again when I served as Lead Pastor at Salem Church of God in Clayton, OH. His step-by-step guidance takes the stress out of the process. I recommend Vision Ministries without reservation."

**Bob Moss, Executive Pastor of Ministries**  
**First Church of God, St. Joseph, Michigan**



"I have personally benefited from Jim's gifts and passion. As a church planter we experienced the challenge of purchasing land and building a facility by faith with young believers with little or no church background. Jim was able to relate to and challenge these people with new and fresh approaches that enabled us to buy 8 acres of prime land and purchase a facility for the expansion of the Kingdom. I am thankful for Jim's part in that process and would recommend him to others as well."

**Dr. Gregory A. Wiens, CEO & Founder**  
**Healthy Growing Leaders - Orlando, Florida**



"I have been fortunate to have known Rev. Jim Walters for a number of years and have long admired his gifts in ministry, vision, and administration. I have been privileged in my service to the church at large to have worked closely with Jim in the area of church finance. I believe Jim's passion for serving the Lord through ministry to the church has had and will continue to have great impact."

**Jeff Jenness, Past President of Servant Solutions, Anderson, Indiana**  
**(Retirement & Financial Planning Partner | Church of God)**



"As Director of Fund Campaigns for the Church of God, I was privileged to have Jim Walters serve as one of my associate directors for more than a decade. His love of people, professionalism and understanding of the value of stewardship were instrumental in making him a successful campaign director. Having directed several campaigns in churches pastored by Rev. Walters, I became keenly aware of his leadership abilities in helping to make these campaigns successful. Without reservation, I can recommend Jim Walters to serve your congregation."

**Rod Bargerstock, Past Executive Director of the former Fund Campaign Services**  
**for the Church of God Ministries, Inc., Anderson, Indiana**



"Having followed the ministry of the Jim Walters for more than thirty years, it is a special privilege to recommend the services of Vision Ministries. You will find Jim to be trustworthy, one of integrity, capable of good advice with a passionate heart, providing excellent service."

**Cecil W. Watson, Past Executive Director of the former Fund Campaign Services**  
**for the Church of God Ministries, Inc., Anderson, Indiana**