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CHURCH SPOTLIGHT:
Salem Alliance Church,
Salem, OR

Salem Alliance Church

ADF CHURCH LOAN

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Loan type:
<input type="checkbox"/> Building purchase <input type="checkbox"/> Land purchase <input type="checkbox"/> Building renovation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New construction <input type="checkbox"/> Refinance

Ministry Focus:
Bringing church, community and commerce together for the common good.

Before he was *President* John Stumbo, leader of the C&MA, he was *Pastor* John Stumbo, at one time a leader of Salem Alliance Church in Salem, Oregon. And before he sought God's vision for the national church, he sought it for the local one.

Salem Alliance Church was a neighborhood church – bordered on three sides by residential areas, with easy access to downtown – which found itself at a crossroads in the 80s: should they remain near the city or relocate to the suburbs? When God made it clear they should stay put, they focused their efforts on outreach and

becoming an anchor in their community. They partnered with Grant Elementary in after-school projects, mentoring relationships, financial assistance, and reading programs. They reached out to the community by providing firewood to families during winter months, crocheting (Continued on inside)



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baby blankets for single moms, serving lunch to homeless camps, and assembling home furnishings for needy families. As they proved faithful in these things, it seemed that God was calling them to more.

In the late 80s, a nearby property on Broadway Avenue caught their attention. After several failed attempts to purchase it, the city finally agreed to sell to them but with the stipulation that they build a minimum of two stories with 10,000 square feet and maintain retail space for the first five years. God was calling Salem Alliance to even greater impact on their community, but it would not be cheap.

Under the leadership of John Stumbo, senior pastor beginning 2002, the church raised more than half of the funds through a capital campaign. Then, in 2009, Salem Alliance partnered with ADF and a local lender to build a four-story, 47,000-square-foot, class-A office building, exceeding the city's requirement by more than double. Named *Broadway Commons*, it was both beautiful and functional. It would be, as Pastor Stumbo envisioned, "a place where church, community, and commerce come together for the common good." And being in the Pacific Northwest, the most natural way to fulfill the retail requirement was with a coffee shop. But not just a coffee shop, the two-story *Broadway Coffeehouse* would be the biggest and best in the city. They knew they were accomplishing their goal when a

local newspaper called it "Salem's Living Room." God was using them to bless their community.

But there was more. Two of the floors, finished as professional meeting rooms, would be leased to other businesses and made available to non-profits, other churches and denominations, and government organizations. They also built a 3,000-square-foot medical clinic where hundreds of healthcare professionals would donate their time to treat thousands of uninsured and under-insured patients each year. This led to their most important work—the ministry of the gospel. As they offered to pray with their patients, the doctors and volunteers witnessed 153 conversions in 2013.

To cap it off, the fourth floor, largely leased out to professional offices, contains one special area that outshines the entire building. It is the only designated religious space in *Broadway Commons—The Upper Room* — an open prayer center that looks out over their beautiful city. It's a fitting picture of the vision God gave Salem Alliance for their community.

To share with our Alliance family what God's doing in your fellowship to advance the Kingdom, please contact us at adf@adf-inc.com

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Sharing with Larry McCooey



Culture Wars



Dear Fellow Investors and Friends,

Over the past few months I have come across a number of articles from various sources regarding culture wars. Regardless of how you view this issue or where you stand on how Christians and the Church should respond, I believe it is important for us to be paying attention to this and its impact on our nation and our world.

Various world views are vying for dominance in our culture. To the extent that the Christian worldview is overcome, the question of suppressed religious liberty arises. In a recent survey by LifeWay Research (the research arm of the Southern Baptist Convention), 70% of senior pastors of Protestant churches said religious liberty is on the decline in the U.S. and almost 60% of Christians believe we are losing the culture war.

Each of us could probably name examples of losses of religious liberty, from the exclusion of

Christian symbols, the Ten Commandments, and using the name of Jesus, to the possible loss of tax benefits for pastors and churches. In our work, the ADF team sees many communities hostile to the building of churches.

Judge Ken Starr recently wrote about the ancient Christian roots of the very concept of freedom (including religious freedom), as well as the encouragement of economic growth, female literacy, religious liberty, mass education, mass printing, and volunteerism by Christian missionaries. Judge Starr goes on to say that, "Christians have helped shape the cultures they are now fleeing. In Iraq, Syria, Egypt and elsewhere in the Middle East, Christian communities have lived and worked for almost two millennia. If they continue to exit the region, or if they continue to be persecuted and repressed, the increasingly thin chances that Middle Eastern countries will develop

into stable, peaceful societies, free of violent religious extremism, will virtually disappear."

Christian influence on culture is essential at every level. Thank you for standing with Alliance churches that are impacting individual lives, communities, and cultures around the world through your investments in ADF.

Please share your thoughts and comments by contacting me at presidentscorner@adf-inc.com. They are always most welcome.

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