

We are an evangelical reformed church nestled in the heart of Moravia, with deep roots in the historical Moravian Brothers Church. Our church is located at the centre of Moravia, in the historical, predominantly Roman Catholic city of Olomouc. Our ambition is to be faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ while embracing the people of Olomouc and sharing the uplifting news of the Gospel.

## Our “home”

Our church is an old canonical house built in the early 17th century. Enter our home through beautiful yet imposing heavy wooden doors. These wooden doors, although nice, have a big disadvantage. They hide our church from passersby. Many people passing by the house have no idea what's behind the doors. We aim for those on the street to catch a glimpse of our warm and welcoming little protestant church. Join us in turning this drawback into a chance for connection and community. We enter our premises through the wooden doors, to a historical courtyard which leads to a quaint yard where our actual church building stands. The former schoolroom, lovingly rebuilt by our church members, now accommodates up to eighty people for worship. We would like to use the yard as a space for informal gatherings, quiet reflection during the weekdays and evangelical activities.

## Church members

Our church family consists of 80 full members, along with cherished guests and their children who join us for Sunday service, midweek and bible studies. Plus Sunday school for the children during worship.

We pray that we might serve well to teenagers, young people and university students as there is the second oldest university in the Czech Republic.

Beyond our church activities, our community extends a helping hand to those in need. We run a “Food bank” assisting families in need, homeless individuals, and currently providing support to many Ukrainians who fled their homeland because of the war. Children affected by the war are getting psychological help in our church. Our church is a haven for the “Alcoholics Anonymous” especially the young people seeking guidance. The old Salvation's army motto “Soup, Soap, salvation” is helping us to see the whole man.

## Renovation – Why?

Now, we are embarking on an exciting journey of renovation. Our vision for a more open and inviting church coincides with the need for substantial improvements like new windows, a roof, audio and video equipment, and updated furniture. We believe that creating a welcoming atmosphere aligns with our mission to spread the Word of God effectively.

We believe that we can contribute to the preaching of the Gospel by creating a place which would well serve not only contemporary worship but for the future generation of our church. It is therefore why we addressed architects to help us to bring our vision alive. We felt great enthusiasm when we first saw the outcome of their work. Members of the church accepted the plan with joy and took up the challenge. However we cannot achieve this vision alone.

## Finances

As the premises of our church is located in the very historical heart of Olomouc. It is a great advantage, but it also means a lot of regulation from the city. Its impact on our effort is quite big, but we can say that our Lord has been already kind to us as he opened the door to get the required approvals so far. We hope to get the remaining official approvals in 2024 and commence the renovation early in the spring 2025. The cost estimate for the renovation is \$600,000, and we've already collected almost half of the funds. We are reaching out to our community and beyond, inviting you to partner with us in this transformative project. Your contribution will not only support the physical transformation of our church but also contribute to the spiritual growth of our community. Your involvement, whether big or small, will be a beacon of encouragement for us. If you are interested in becoming a partner in our effort or have any questions, please feel free to contact us. We would love to connect with you and share more about our journey and vision.

Thank you for considering joining us in this exciting chapter of our church's life. Together, we can make a lasting impact in the Moravian city of Olomouc.

Warm regards

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