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### Friends Christian High School Update

Evangelical Friends Southwest, Yorba Linda Friends Church, and Rose Drive Friends Church have partnered to build a private Christian high school in Yorba Linda. Both Yorba Linda and Rose Drive's congregations approved moving forward with the project in their congregational business meetings last weekend. The new school will allow our children to complete preschool through twelfth grade within our school system as a ministry of our churches.

Friends Christian High School has leased 32 acres from the City of Yorba Linda, north of the church on Bastanchury Road, as the future location of the school. The school is scheduled to open to freshmen and sophomore classes in the fall of 2010, with an initial planned enrollment of 550 students.

The project cost of the first phase is \$60 million, with \$48 million to be financed through tax-exempt bonds. Donors have committed \$2 million, \$1 million of which has already been received. The remaining \$10 million will be financed through a Christian credit union lender. Evangelical Friends Southwest is assuming the loan on behalf of the school. It is a 5-year, interest-only loan for which the school is responsible for the repayment of the loan. A donor has already pledged to pay up to \$2 million of the interest charges. At the conclusion of the loan term, if it is not paid off already by Friends Christian High School, then they will be responsible to refinance the loan. If they are unable to do so, then Evangelical Friends Southwest will be responsible for refinancing the loan. If EFCSW is also unable to do so, then the remaining portion of the loan would become the responsibility of Yorba Linda Friends Church and Rose Drive Friends Church, at 65% and 35% respectively. Both Yorba Linda and Rose Drive will be co-guarantors on the loan.

A public high school is also being constructed in the City of Yorba Linda, with a scheduled opening of fall 2009. Friends Christian High commissioned Cal State Fullerton to perform a study evaluating the local market for students. Even with the public school opening, the study predicted a demand of over 1500 students in our first school year. Friends Christian High School is also not encumbered by city limits and we have students in our existing school system from many cities outside of Yorba Linda.

The Elder Boards, Church Leadership Teams, and Finance Committees of our denomination and two churches believe this is the only opportunity we will have to build a private Christian high school in Yorba Linda—and we continue to see God open doors to make this a reality.

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