



The New Protestant Space for living out the Gospel in the heart of Hérault



This new parish center of the United Protestant Church, located near the Grand Site Salagou—Mourèze, is part of an initiative focused on evangelism and hosting youth activities. It will provide a special space for worship and dialogue, as well as cultural and ecumenical gatherings.

This new Protestant space is located at the heart of the Cœur d’Hérault community, offering a different way to live out the Gospel through simplicity, solidarity, and sustainability.

Evangelism at the Heart of the Church's Mission

As early as 1950, several dozen Protestant families came together to support the establishment of a new pastoral center for evangelism. With regional support from the Lower Languedoc Evangelization Society, the parish purchased a wine cellar and renovated it into an evangelical center to welcome Protestant youth and families.

Inaugurated in 1959, this center became the church's first place of worship.

Over the years, the church has become too small to accommodate a growing congregation. The current layout no longer supports regular activities. This construction project took shape in 2021; while the need to expand and serve a vibrant Protestant community is one reason, the primary goal is to live out and share the Gospel as a liberating force for a growing population. **In ten years, worship attendance has doubled !** A music group and a choir lead the worship service, which is now held weekly.

**For a new church
that shines in the heart of Hérault and in
the hearts of its residents**

Pastor Jean-Paul Nunez, founder of the project in 2021

The extraordinary gift of a 7,250-square-meter plot of land from a parishioner has become a sign from above, inspiring enthusiasm and gratitude before God, as we envision a new Protestant space, a place for a new form of evangelism in dialogue with culture.



The Gau architectural firm in Montpellier, with the support of the National Union of EPUdF, is leading the project. For the past three years, a monthly prayer group has been providing spiritual guidance for this project. Dozens of people take turns discerning God's will in order to better share the Gospel in this new community.

A Church that gathers and sends out on mission

The United Protestant Church of the Heart of Hérault brings together men and women who form a multicultural and tolerant community. Its mission is to share the good news of the Gospel through all its activities. Its territory is diverse, spanning three cantons : Clermont-l'Hérault, Gignac, and Lodève.

- **Worship** : Celebrating God every Sunday with joy and simplicity through a life guided by the Bible, accompanied by a musical and vocal group
- **Nurture** : Providing everyone with opportunities to fulfill their spiritual needs through our various programs for all ages, from the youngest to the elderly
- **Grow** : welcoming new members so that our community may expand and remain vibrant in the faith of Christ.
- **Embrace** : artistic and cultural expressions : choir, musical performances, exhibitions, conferences, film discussions, festivals... ”

**You are the house
that God is building**

1 Peter 2:5

Evangelism in a growing rural context

Our Church is committed to rising to this challenge :

- • **To create a new space** to carry out its mission of evangelism within a rural context and an innovative framework.
- • **To foster interpersonal connections** to promote a sense of community and to organise ecumenical, interfaith and cultural gatherings...
- • **To experience the Church in a new way**, to be a Church of witnesses through training and an innovative, warm welcome. Our ambition is to contribute to a renewal of our members' commitment to bearing witness to the relevance of God's presence in our world.
- **Envisioning an architectural project** as an open space that encourages this dialogue. This building embodies a Protestant ecclesiology of a church open to the world. This space will serve as a hub to welcome, educate, and transform all those seeking a liberating Gospel. A place to reach out to others in its many religious and cultural dimensions in the Pays Cœur d'Hérault region, with the tourist appeal of Lake Salagou.
- **Adopt the "Green Church" label** designed to encourage ecological conversion initiatives. Thus, the entire building is eco-friendly and energy self-sufficient, powered by photovoltaic panels. The goal is for this building to fit respectfully into a preserved rural landscape.

**At the heart of this life project,
our guiding principle
is to offer unconditional
acceptance
in every activity we provide.**

A Church Rooted in the Hearts of Its Residents

The Cœur d'Hérault region lies at the crossroads of interregional and European socio-economic zones, between the A9 and A75 highways and three cantons: Lodève (35,000 residents), Gignac (43,000 residents), Clermont (30,000 inhabitants), including 9,800 inhabitants in Clermont-l'Hérault by 2026.

The population growth is due to the arrival of new residents who are revitalizing the region. Its population has increased by 50% since 1990, representing more than 100,000 inhabitants.

Located 40 km northwest of Montpellier, the Salagou Valley offers one of the most beautiful landscapes in France. Its highly varied geology has created unique landscapes characterized by the “ruffe” and its bright red hue, the black basalt of ancient volcanoes, and the white dolomite of the Mourèze cirque. All these colors give the Grand Site a unique diversity.

This project is fully aligned with this transformation of the region.

+50% growth over 30 years,
30,000 residents in the Clermont area

The arrival of new families fostering a renewed spiritual life
A young, active, multicultural church



A New Protestant Space

This new space will be owned by the National Union of the United Protestant Church of France in Paris, which is overseeing the construction.

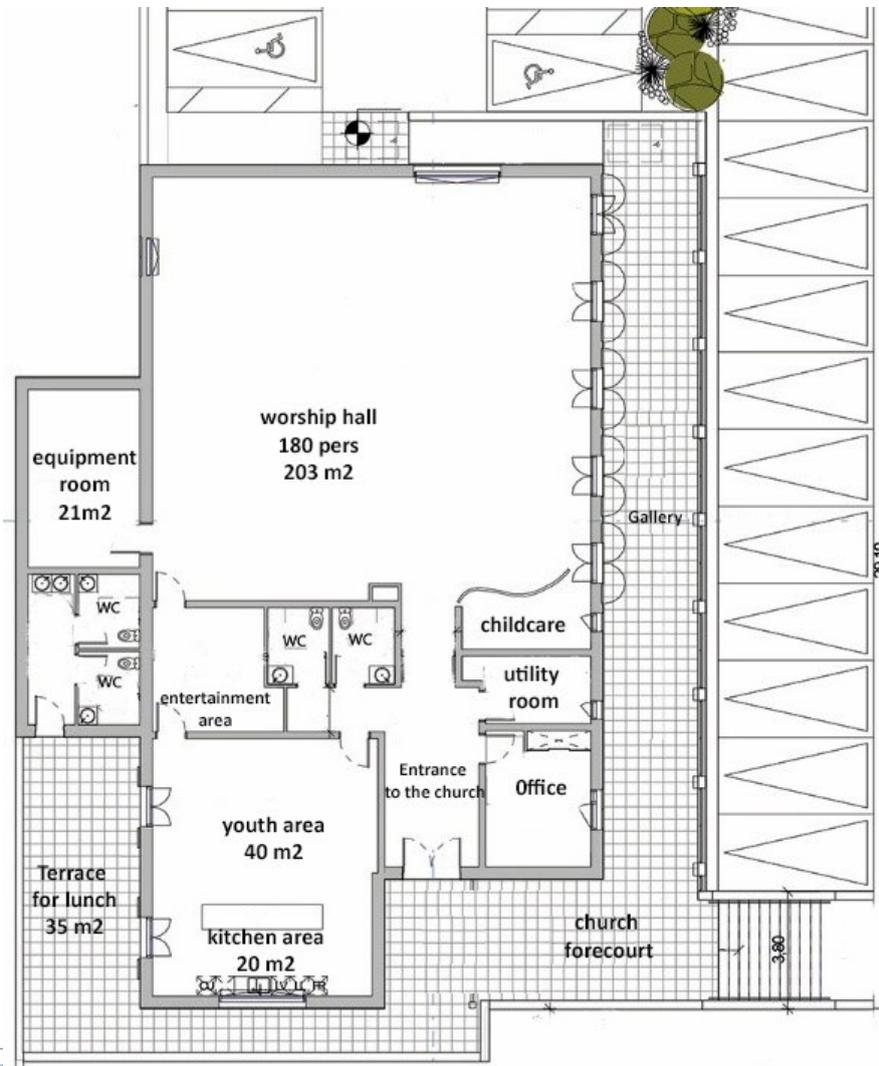
This new space will include the construction of two buildings on a 7,250-square-meter green space near Lake Salagou,

A 560-square-meter worship space with 180 seats, featuring an open-air gallery and a children's area. The complex is equipped with audiovisual facilities.

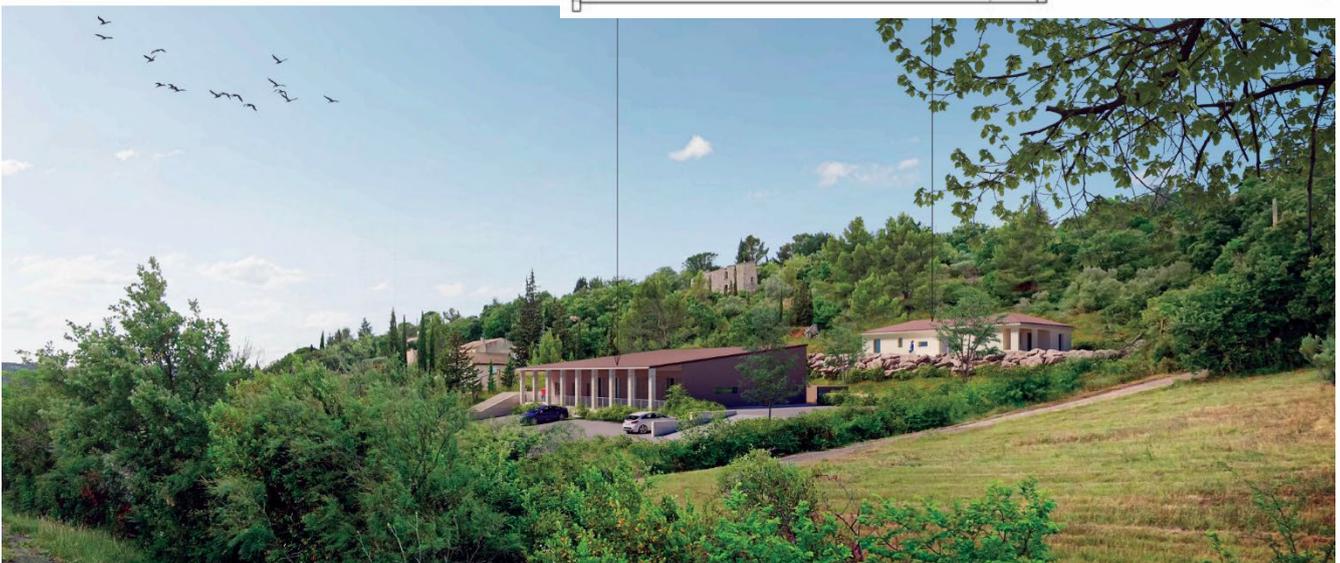
A youth center, equipped with a kitchen, a reception desk, storage rooms, and beautiful terraces to extend the joy of being together.

Secure access with 45 parking spaces and accessible parking for people with disabilities

A parsonage comprising three bedrooms, an office, a large living-dining room, and a kitchen, set in a wooded park. Currently, the pastor lives near Montpellier, which involves a 70-kilometer round trip to lead meetings in the Clermont area



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Our financial commitment to you

The total value of this real estate investment is €2.14 million, with 61% of the proceeds already secured.

Main Categories Estimated Cost

Building Construction	€1,600,000
Landscaping and Outdoor Features	€200,000
Youth Center and Equipment	€140,000
Pastoral house	€200,000
Total	€2,140,000

Why Your Support Matters

- You contribute to the spiritual life of a thriving community
- You support an eco-friendly and sustainable initiative
- You join an open Church that values fellowship, solidarity, and youth.

And finally, donations are tax-deductible:

- Individuals: Before December 31: 66% of your donation is deductible from income tax, up to a limit of 20% of your net taxable income. Any excess amount can be carried forward for five years.
- If you are subject to the IFI (Real Estate Wealth Tax), you can donate to the United Protestant Church of the Heart of Hérault through the Martin Bucer Foundation, hosted by the Protestantism Foundation. This donation will be 75% tax-deductible (up to €50,000).
- Businesses: 60% tax reduction up to €2 million (Article 238 bis of the General Tax Code)

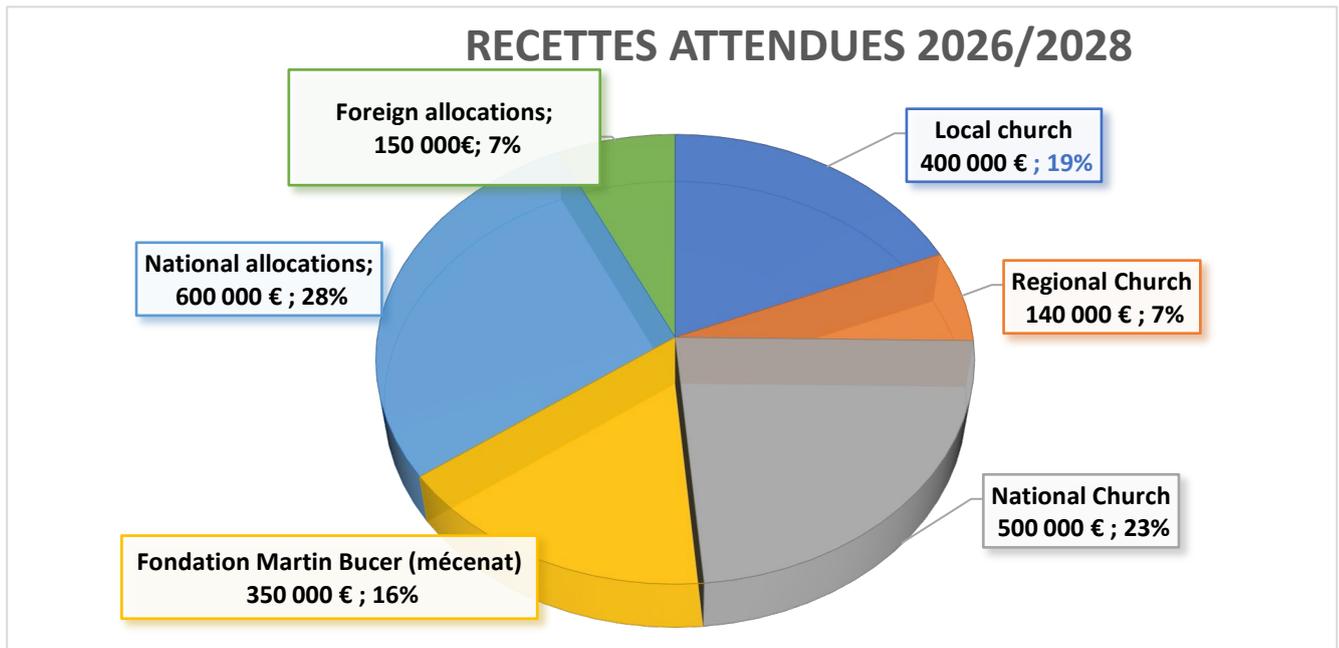
The United Protestant Church is authorized to receive bequests and donations for this real estate project. Contact frederique.hebding@epudf.org

Everyone at the local, regional, national, and international levels is participating in this effort to bring this evangelization project to fruition. Today, we still need €500,000 in sponsorship support (from private individuals and businesses), representing 39% of the total budget, to ensure this project's completion.

**Become partners and ambassadors for this project
and embrace the vision of a Protestantism open to the world.**

**We would be delighted to welcome your expertise,
as well as your human, spiritual, and financial support.**

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Construction Schedule

2021 Feasibility studies and decision to proceed

2022 The National Union of the EPUdF serves as project manager

2023 Architectural design

2024 Building permit approved

2026 Public relations campaign and fundraising

2027 Groundbreaking ceremony

2028 Inauguration of the new Protestant Center

**A well-thought-out,
well-supported,
and well-established
project.**

The 7 Key Strengths of the Project



1. A donated plot of land that makes the project possible
2. A commitment to innovative evangelism
3. A strong presence in a growing region
4. A growing Protestant community
5. An eco-friendly Protestant space
6. A well-structured and concrete architectural plan
7. Funding that is well underway but still open

Get Involved in This Project

♥ Three Ways to Participate :

1. Make a donation by bank transfer **FR76 1348 5008 0008 0114 9098 767**
2. Become a project ambassador
3. Offer your skills (communications, construction, hospitality, etc.)

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A project ready to go.

A clear vision.

A legacy to build together.