

Living the Gospel

The new Protestant Church
in the Heart of Hérault



*A place offered to the community, a community on a journey
to embody and give a voice to the Gospel in the Heart of Hérault*



Evangelism at the heart of the Church's mission

The United Protestant Church of the Heart of Hérault spans three cantons: Clermont-L'Hérault, Gignac and Lodeve. With the arrival of new families, the current premises have become too small. Daily activities are expanding; a music group and a choir lead the weekly service. The church is struggling to accommodate all the parishioners on Sundays.

The idea of a new Protestant space

It all began with one parishioner's wish to donate a 7,250 m² plot of land to her community to build a new church. Her generosity in making this exceptional donation is felt as a sign from God, sparking enthusiasm and gratitude.

The building project took shape in 2021. The need to expand and respond to the community's dynamism is one of the reasons : the key is to equip ourselves to live out the Gospel as a liberating force for a growing population.



The site as it stands

**In ten years,
service attendance has doubled !**

The building project is driven by men and women committed to spreading the Good News of the Gospel. A monthly prayer group is providing spiritual support for the project. Dozens of people are taking turns seeking to discern God's will so they can better share the Gospel in this new church community.



Approved milestones

2021

Feasibility studies and decisions to proceed

2022

The EPUdF National Union becomes the project manager

2023

Architectural designs

2024

Planning permission granted

***PRAISING GOD to open up
TRAINING to send out
GROWING to become living offerings
WELCOMING to come into being***

A Church rooted in the heart of its community

A Church that brings people together and sends them out on a mission

Our Church is committed to building a new space to continue its mission of evangelisation in a rural context and an innovative setting, to foster interpersonal connections to promote a sense of community and the organisation of ecumenical, interfaith and cultural gatherings.

– **To foster interpersonal relationships** in order to promote a spirit of fellowship and the organisation of ecumenical, interfaith and cultural gatherings...

– **Experiencing the Church in a different way** to be a Church of witnesses through training and an innovative, warm welcome. Our ambition is to help renew the commitment of our members to bear witness to the relevance of God's presence in our world.

– **Envisioning an architectural project**, as an open space that fosters this dialogue. This building embodies a Protestant ecclesiology of a Church open to the world. It will serve as a hub to welcome, train, and transform all those who are seeking a liberating Gospel. A place to reach out to others in all its diverse religious and cultural dimensions in the Pays Cœur d'Hérault region, with the tourist appeal of Lake Salagou.

– **Joining the 'Green Church' quality label**, designed to encourage ecological transition initiatives. Thus, the entire building is eco-friendly and energy self-sufficient, powered by solar panels. The aim is for this building to blend respectfully into a preserved rural landscape.



A church that has become too small



An environmentally responsible building

The Gau architectural firm has drawn up a construction project based on three principles :

– **Integration into the landscape :**

The site layout enhances the natural topography through carefully designed cut-and-fill sections and rock-fill walls.

– **Simplicity of the buildings :**

The single-storey buildings feature a simple, light-filled contemporary design, centred around an open and welcoming main hall.

– **Quality of materials :**

The project as a whole prioritises a sustainable environmental approach, with local materials and an eco-responsible resource management.



“ You are the house that God is building. ” 1 Peter 2:5

A wonderful place to live

An exceptional landscape

The Cœur d'Hérault region is a land of wine, olives and honey. Situated at the foot of the Larzac Plateau, it is surrounded by two certified protected sites : Saint-Guilhem-Le-Désert and Lake Salagou-Cirque de Mourèze, which was awarded UNESCO World Heritage status in April 2026.

40 km north-west of Montpellier, the Salagou Valley is home to one of France's most beautiful landscapes. Its highly varied geology created distinctive landscapes characterised by the 'ruffe' and its bright red hue, the black basalt of ancient volcanoes and the white dolomite of the Cirque de Mourèze. All these colours give the site a unique diversity.

A dynamic region

It is situated at the crossroads of interregional and European socio-economic zones, between the A9, A75 and A750 motorways. It also benefits from its proximity to the major urban centres of Béziers and Montpellier.

Its population growth is due to the arrival of new residents who are breathing new life into the area. Its population has increased by 50 % since 1990, to over 100,000 inhabitants.

The arrival of new families fosters a vibrant spiritual life. The Church of Cœur d'Hérault is active and multicultural. Its spiritual diversity is a source of richness for the community.

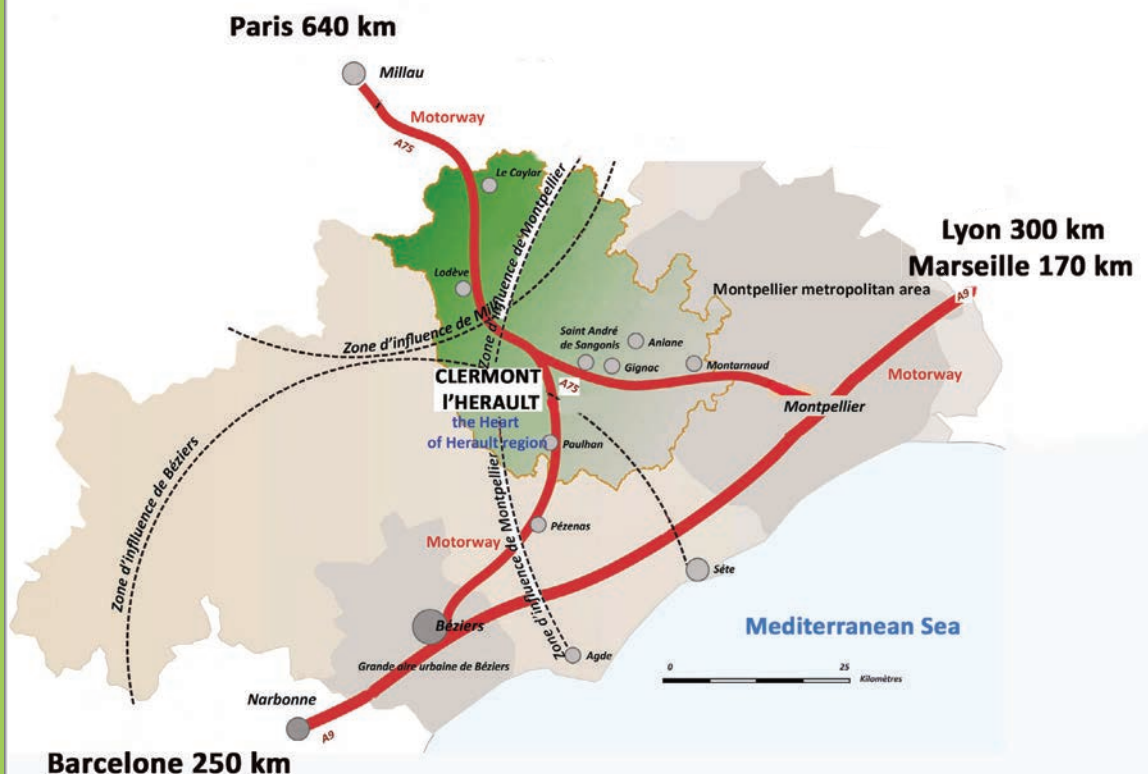
At the heart of regional and European exchanges



A project fully aligned with the area's transformation

+50 % growth in 30 years

30,000 residents in the Clermont area



A new Protestant church



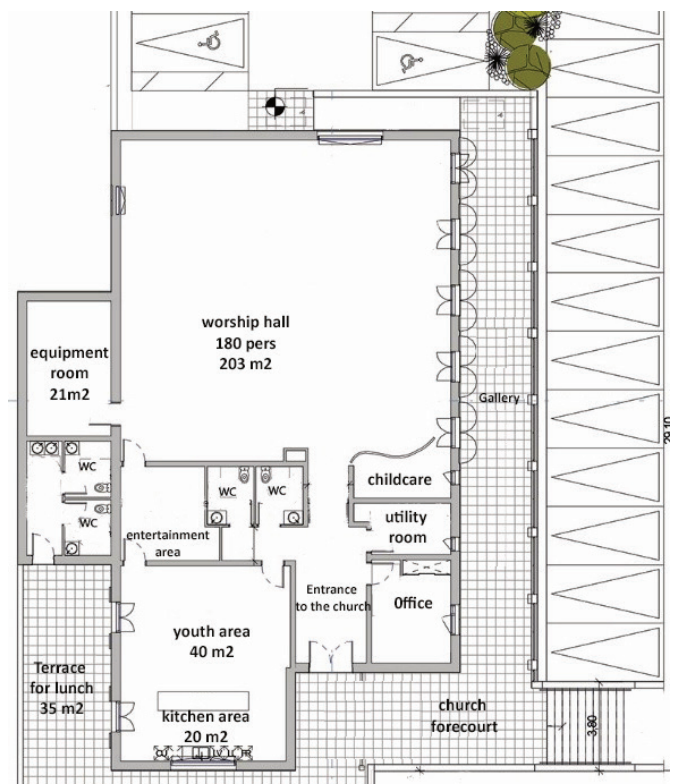
The development will comprise two buildings set within a 7,250 m² green space :

– **the 560 m² parish centre :**

- a place of worship with 180 seats, featuring a gallery opening onto the outside and a children's area; the whole complex will be equipped with audio-visual facilities ;
- a youth hall equipped with a kitchen ;
- a reception office ;
- lovely terraces to extend the pleasure of being together ;
- outdoor facilities (showers, toilets) for camping.

– **A 140 m² vicarage** comprising 3 bedrooms, an office, a large living room, a dining room and a kitchen. Currently, the pastor lives near Montpellier, which involves an 80 km round trip to the Clermont region.

45 parking spaces are also planned, along with disabled access.



The National Union of the United Protestant Church of France will be the owner and project manager for the construction.

Cost and participation

Your financial contribution

- **By cheque :**
Église protestante unie Cœur d'Hérault
30 rue Croix Rouge 34800 Clermont-l'Hérault
- **By bank transfer :**
IBAN : FR76 1348 5008 0008 0114 9098 767
- **By credit/debit card :** scan the QR-Code



Tax-deductible donations

Income tax (IR)

66% reduction, subject to a limit of 20% of taxable income. Any excess may be carried forward for five years

Bequests and donations

The United Protestant Church is authorised to receive bequests and donations.

Contact : frederique.hebding@epudf.org

Businesses

60% reduction up to €2 million (Article 238 bis of the General Tax Code)

Donor : € 100

*equivalent to €34
after income tax deduction*

Quarterly progress updates
Invitation to the opening ceremony

Patron : € 500

*equivalent to €170
after income tax deduction*

BONUS : Invitation to the laying of
the foundation stone
Annual impact report

Major patron : € 5000

*equivalent to €1,700
after income tax deduction*

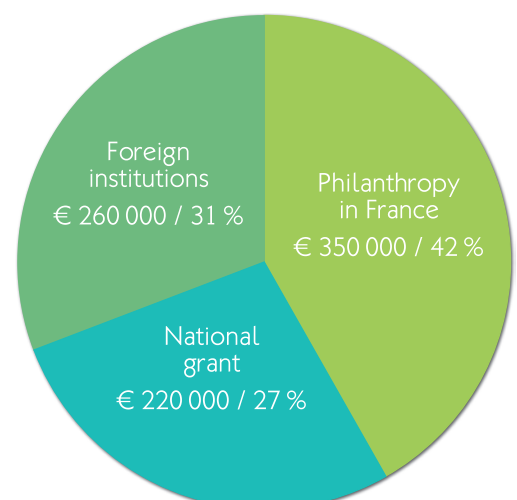
BONUS : Meeting with the team
Private tour of the building site

Investment and funds raised

The total property investment amounts to €2.14 million, of which €1.31 million has already been received, representing 61 per cent of the funds raised.

Main items	Estimated cost	Received	Expected
Church construction and design costs	€ 1 400 000	€ 980 000	€ 420 000
Interior and exterior fittings	€ 320 000	€ 190 000	€ 130 000
Youth hall and equipment	€ 140 000	€ 40 000	€ 100 000
Pastoral centre	€ 280 000	€ 100 000	€ 180 000
TOTAL	€ 2 140 000	€ 1 310 000	€ 830 000

Investment cost



Expected revenue for 2026-2028

61 % of the budget already secured - € 830,000 to be funded with your help !

A legacy to build together

Become an ambassador for the project

You will be contributing to the spiritual life of a rapidly developing region

You will be supporting an environmentally friendly and sustainable project

You will be joining an open Church that values fellowship, solidarity and young people

Offer your skills !

Reception
Communication
Logistics
Site preparation...



The seven 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 foothold in an expanding region
4. A growing Protestant community
5. An environmentally responsible Protestant Church
6. A structured and concrete architectural project
7. Secured funding and a unique opportunity to join the founding members



The implementation schedule

- 2021**
Feasibility studies and decisions to proceed
- 2022**
The EPUdF National Union acts as project manager
- 2023**
Architectural designs
- 2024**
Planning permission granted
- 2026**
Communications campaign and fundraising
- 2027**
Laying of the foundation stone
- 2028**
Inauguration of the Protestant church

Contact us

We are available to meet with you and answer your questions :



Reverend Jean-Paul NUNEZ

« For a new church that shines in the heart of Hérault and in the hearts of its people »

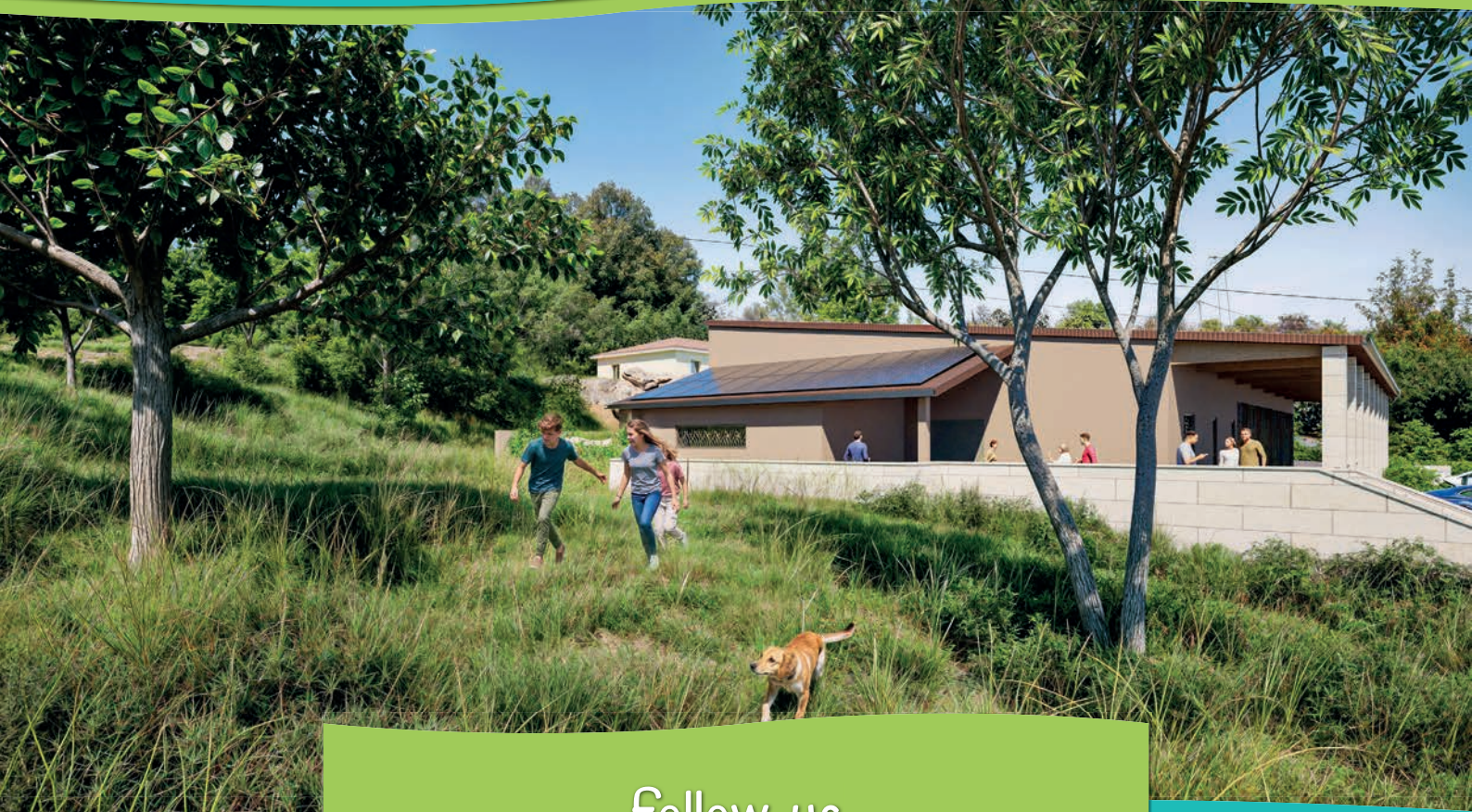
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« This new Protestant Church is situated at the crossroads of encounters in the heart of the Hérault, offering a different way of living out the Gospel. »

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