

# Project Presentation Document

## *The* ***PERSPECTIVES VANNES*** *South Brittany, France*

**A Missionary Project to Serve the  
Residents of the Vannes Area  
and the Region of Brittany**



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## INTRODUCTION

**THE SOUTH BRITTANY PERSPECTIVES VENUE – a vision, a project, a place:**

- **An open and welcoming space for the population of the Vannes urban area**
- **A church venue: where the Gospel is lived and proclaimed, where people pray and experience authentic community**
- **A venue that is open to all that will focus on those in need**
- **A meeting space for the evangelical Protestant churches in the region**
- **A training place (biblical, topical subjects, etc.) for the region's churches**

The "SOUTH BRITTANY PERSPECTIVES VENUE" project is built on the history of two Protestant church projects in Vannes: a missionary project established in 1984 with France Mission, and a Baptist church project established in 2015.

**2024 and 2025 mark the 40<sup>th</sup> and the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of these two church projects!**

**These two initiatives will join their vision and resources together and develop a project on a single site: the "SOUTH BRITTANY PERSPECTIVES VENUE"**

**This project :**

- Is part of a specific but also broader history, that of evangelical Protestantism in Brittany and Morbihan
- Is based in a location with its own cultural identity,
- Wishes to respond to current needs with its three dimensions: a church open to the city, a welcoming church, a church that is in relation with other local churches,
- Aims to implement and live the vision ("DNA") of the union of Perspectives churches, in particular *"Churches relevant to the city (missional)"*<sup>1</sup>
- Is the result of work undertaken with the participation of: the PERSPECTIVES church of Vannes, the PASSERELLES Protestant Family Association (charity that works in the community), the PERSPECTIVES evangelical Protestant church union and the EDIFICES PERSPECTIVES association (the legal entity that is responsible for the buildings of churches in the Perspectives Union),

A project has been underway since October 2024 with four working groups:

- The requirements of the church and the Passerelles Association,
- Architecture,
- Finances,
- Communication.

We invite you to discover the "SOUTH BRITTANY PERSPECTIVES VENUE" project, and become a partner in this innovative project.

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<sup>1</sup> *The Church does not exist for itself but for the world! Our churches must be outward facing and value the outreach activities of the church as much as the church gatherings. Our church communities must consider it a priority to be rooted, collectively and individually, in the relational fabric of their local environment. At the same time they must understand the needs of the local inhabitants regarding their concerns and their individual and collective needs. They must manifest the presence of Jesus in the midst of the joys and distresses of our society. Together we want to work in the general interest to have a spiritual, social and family impact on our neighbourhood and our city.*

## 1) A project Integrated Into its Locality – an Exceptional and Attractive Location



The PERSPECTIVES VENUE project site is located in Morbihan (South Brittany) in the heart of the Gulf of Morbihan Regional Natural Park. It is in the Vannes urban area, in the town of Séné, on the Poulfanc business park.

**Morbihan is the French region where the population is forecast to increase the most, with an extra 900,000 residents expected by 2040.**

**The Morbihan way of life is exceptional** – more than 900km of coastline, over 160 beaches, a sheltered Gulf linked to the Atlantic Ocean and over 40 islands.

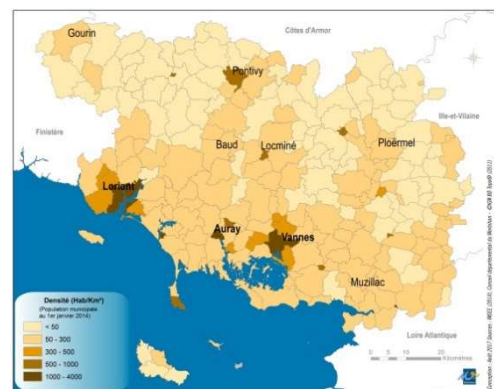
There is a developed cultural and community life, numerous facilities and a rich natural and architectural heritage.



**The Vannes urban area had a population of 175,000 people in 2021, but this is projected to grow by 35,000 to a total of 210,000 by 2050!**

The Vannes urban area has a strong appeal and the population of the wider conurbation is increasing by 1% per year.

To support this growth, 5,000 new homes were built in the area between 2020 and 2024 and there are plans to build an additional 40,000 new homes by 2050 <sup>2</sup>



<sup>2</sup> Figures taken from an article printed in the Télégram newspaper on 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2024. Follow link for further details (in French): <https://www.letelegramme.fr/morbihan/vannes-56000/lagglomeration-de-vannes-comptera-35-000-habitants-de-plus-dici-2050-6710315.php>





The site of the PERSPECTIVES VENUE project is located at 16 rue de Lorraine in the town of SENE. It is located in a business park called the “Zone du Poulfanc” which is to the east of Vannes, and close to an area which has recently been urbanised, including the construction of several new blocks of flats.

The location has good accessibility as it is close to dual carriageways that connect Vannes to the nearby cities of Nantes, Rennes and Quimper.

A diverse range of organisations are present on the business park – small and medium shops, tradesmen, restaurants, a creche and one of the largest local social action charities (called Emmaüs), which includes several well frequented charity shops (clothing, homewares,

furniture etc) that is close to the site of the project. It’s a lively business park which is close to several residential areas and which receives hundreds of visitors each week.



The business park straddles the border between Vannes and Séné and is next to the neighbouring conurbation of Theix Noyal. The business park and surrounding area was formed around a number of historic villages and is now a blend of traditional housing which has preserved aspects of its heritage and natural character, as shown in these photos, and modern areas that meet the needs of the local community.



**The municipality has recently developed a new zone of activity (shops, banks, restaurants, etc.), services (community buildings, etc.) and housing in the southern part of this area, which has resulted in a significant influx of new residents.**



#### **ADVANTAGES OF THIS LOCATION FOR THE “SOUTH BRITTANY PERSPECTIVES VENUE”:**

**# A mission field providing the opportunity for the growth of the church due to a significant increase in the local population (the attractive lifestyle) and significant numbers of additional visitors during the tourist season**

**# The location is in close proximity to existing partners of the PASSERELLES Protestant Family Association: the Emmaüs charitable organisation, AMISEP (a government funded organisation which connects, retrain and assists those wishing to enter the job market), CCAS (government social services) and organisations that provide emergency accommodation (overnight accommodation, hotels)**

**# The site is located on a through route that is used on a weekly basis by hundreds of people who visit the different charity shops run by the Emmaüs organisation. As such, it would be an excellent location for a venue that would be open to the local community, a place to welcome people during the week throughout the year.**

**# The ‘Regional Park’ national framework allows the church to propose a quality renovation project which would result in an energy efficient building. The church would be able to demonstrate to the local community the role that Christians and churches have in the preservation of God’s creation with specific local projects.**

**# The church would be able to host a number of artistic events in the venue, including exhibitions of local art and the organisation of concerts.**

**# The Perspectives church union has the objective of creating 4 centres of activity and development in Brittany. Currently the union has larger venues, based in Rennes, Saint Brieuc and Brest. Vannes would become the 4<sup>th</sup> centre, covering the south Brittany region. These four cities have good road and rail links between them.**



## 2) Two Church Projects Joined Together

Evangelical Protestantism was established late in Brittany, at the end of the 19th century, mainly thanks to Methodist and Baptist missionaries who came from Wales (part of Great Britain).



In the 1950s, a missionary couple started a new evangelisation project in Brittany working with France Mission.

Their names were Claude and Annette Broux, and they worked in the “Ile et Vilaine” and “Côtes d’Armor” regions of France, mainly on the north coast of Brittany from Saint Malo to Morlaix. They

travelled around this area of Brittany with a tent, organising evangelisation events in different locations.



Today, the France Mission organisation has become the PERSPECTIVES union of churches, which has over a dozen churches in the north west of France. It is this mission that started a church group in Vannes in 1984 thanks to the work of pioneer church planters.

### ...A Missionary Project in Vannes, Established by France Mission 40 Years Ago:



In 1984, the missionary couple André and Annette Peythieu planted an evangelical Protestant church in Vannes with France Mission.

This work was based around the evangelical witness of small groups who were

present at the Vannes market with bibles and Christian books.



The church group started meeting in a basement room in a block of council flats <sup>3</sup>. In the 1990s the church started renting and then bought a building ... the current building on the Poulfanc business park!

The missionary couple André and Annette Peythieu was assisted by another missionary couple from the United States: Jim and Delia Percy who were France Mission’s first American missionaries <sup>4</sup> (1964-1987).

A development project for the building was proposed by Jim Percy to impact the Vannes region, but this project did not go ahead <sup>5</sup>.



Several pastors and missionaries have continued the work in this building: Marc Jouan from 1996 to 2013, Joël Daut from 2014 to 2022.

Unfortunately, over time, attendance has dwindled and the building has not been maintained and adapted due to insufficient funds. The building no longer meets the building regulations required to welcome the public. Today, the building needs a new start, a new project to meet the needs of the Vannes region - the building needs to be entirely renovated and extended as part of this project.

<sup>3</sup> France Mission – De la semence à la multiplication depuis 1957 – Page 214

<sup>4</sup> France Mission – De la semence à la multiplication depuis 1957 – Page 94

<sup>5</sup> France Mission – De la semence à la multiplication depuis 1957 – Page 214

## ... A Baptist Church Plant Established 10 Years Ago by Families from Vannes and Séné :



In 2015 an evangelical Protestant family planted a new Baptist church in Vannes. The project started with a house group of a dozen people. Dominique and Martine Sabel had the vision for this project, with their daughter Miryam and her husband Samuel, starting with house group meetings and then moving to monthly and then weekly services.



A church-planting project was started with a vision based on: *“a church open to the City, a welcoming church, a church connected with other local churches”*

The **“Passerelles” Protestant Family Association** was created in 2015 to provide assistance to people in need in Vannes to demonstrate the love for one’s neighbour taught in the Bible. The young church was also behind the creation of a **Protestant chaplaincy** in the local hospital network.

The Passerelles organisation and the chaplaincy are now recognised and appreciated for their support to family life in the community.

The congregation that was formed grew and developed: 4 adults and 2 children in 2015, became a dozen people in 2016 and continued to grow annually until a group of over 50 adults and 30 children was involved by 2025.



The **“Passerelles” association** has helped over 40 families each year over the last 10 years (emergency accommodation, assistance with food and transport, home visits ...).



The chaplaincy serves local healthcare and ‘medical-social’ organisations and includes members of six local protestant churches with a chaplain (Dominique Sabel, pastor of the Perspectives Vannes church) and volunteers.



The chaplaincy covers the eastern part of the Morbihan department, from Vannes in the south to the town of Ploërmel in the north. It operates in hospitals, clinics and retirement homes, offering weekly visits to the sick and residents alike.



*The church is currently meeting in provisional premises for which the lease ends at the end of March 2025. The Passerelles association does not have premises which are suitable to welcome families and develop aid programs for those in difficulty and to use for children's activities in the church. The chaplaincy does not have its own office space either. The Vannes church joined the Perspectives church union in 2024 and is engaging in prayerful reflection on the needs of the church community and the future of the building at Séné.*

#### **IMPACT OF THE PERSPECTIVES VENUE PROJECT :**

**# The project will make it possible to develop and strengthen an evangelical Protestant presence in Vannes urban region: the agglomeration of Vannes should have around 17 evangelical churches on the basis of one evangelical church per 10,000 inhabitants<sup>6</sup>, yet it currently only has 6.**

**# The Vannes region needs a recognized evangelical Protestant church that is integrated into Perspectives and the CNEF (French Evangelical National Council) that is capable of welcoming around 120 people for regional meetings.**

### **3) The Church and Building Project: the South Brittany Perspectives Venue**

**The vision and objective of the project are to erect a building on a site that is visible, accessible and integrated into the local community:**

- **A place that is open to the local population and will welcome everybody**
- **A building for announcing the Christian Gospel and facilitating church life**
- **A place that can be used to meet the social needs of people in difficulty**

To implement this project, the church needs a building that is large enough and can be used for the following:

- Church services that can welcome 120 people, providing premises to the existing team of a pastor, 6 preachers and 3 worship groups
- Celebrations of life stages and seasonal events: baptisms, marriages, funerals, Christmas, Easter etc.
- Activities for children and youth. The church currently has three groups: younger children, older children and a youth group
- Welcoming people before the service and serving drinks afterwards
- Sharing meals after services and other events
- Evangelisation projects in the local area
- Training events for both the local and the wider church (churches in the "Perspectives West" region, churches in the Morbihan CNEF organisation)
- A Christian book stand and a lending library to share and loan books
- Church meetings : the pastoral team, the church council, prayer meetings, bible studies etc.
- Meetings of the pastoral teams from local churches for the "Perspectives West" region and the Morbihan CNEF organisation
- Welcoming families and people being assisted by the Passerelles Protestant Family Association: encouragement, food aid and hygiene products, administrative advice, community time, meals, etc.
- Organisation of themed meetings
- Organisation of concerts and exhibitions ...

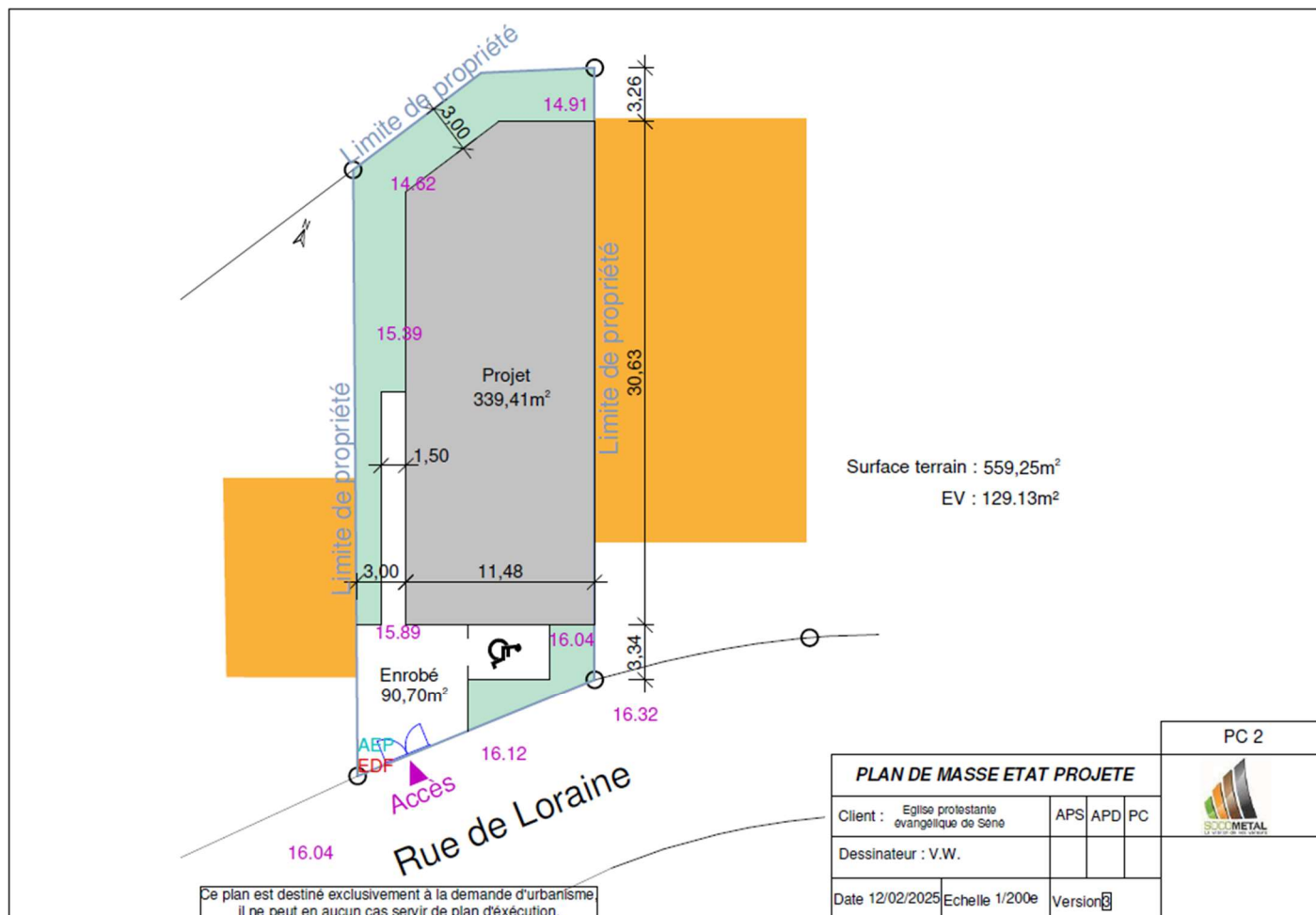
The requirements for the premises have been listed in the table on the next page. A draft requirements plan was developed and submitted to SOCOMETAL <sup>7</sup> (a building project management company) who are working on a preliminary project and the associated project costing.

<sup>6</sup> An objective set by the CNEF (French Evangelical National Council)

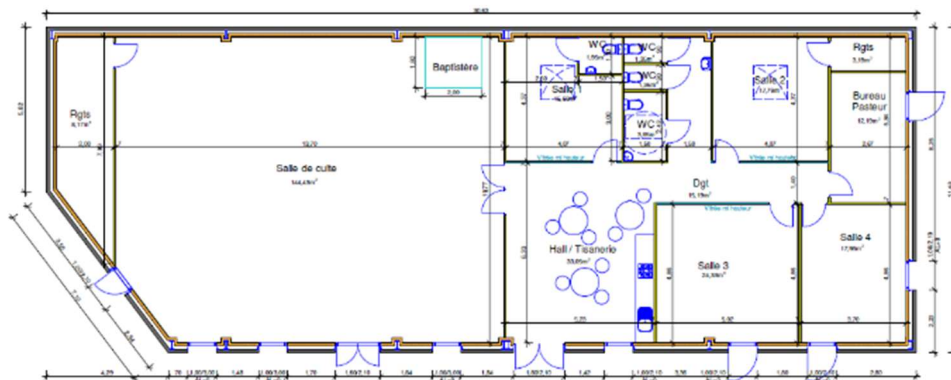
<sup>7</sup> <https://www.socometal.com/index.php>



Plan of the land and current premises



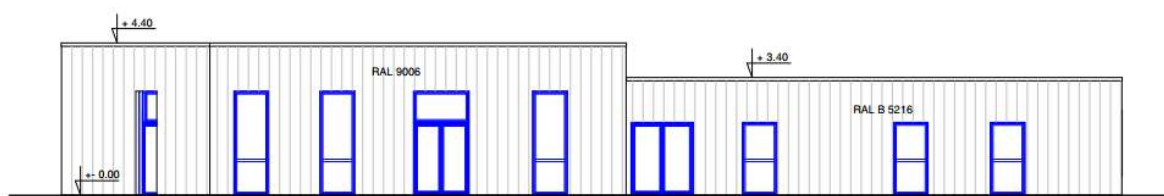
Building footprint	339.41m <sup>2</sup>
Green space	129.13m <sup>2</sup>
Tarmac	90.70m <sup>2</sup>
Total area of land	559.25m <sup>2</sup>



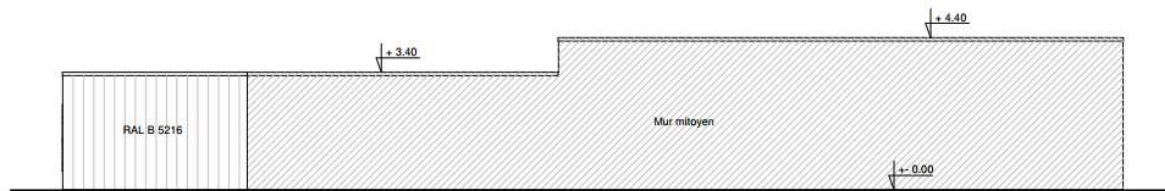
Room type	Area (m²)
Main hall	144.43
Storage (main hall)	8.17
Room 1 (with children's toilet)	17.55
Room 2	17.79
Room 3	24.33
Room 4	17.98
Pastor's office	12.19
Reception area with kitchenette, library and book stall	33.05
Corridor	15.19
3 toilets (1 accessible toilet)	6.35
Small storage area (room 2)	3.19

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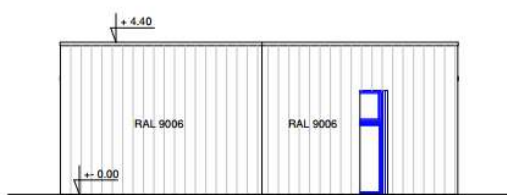
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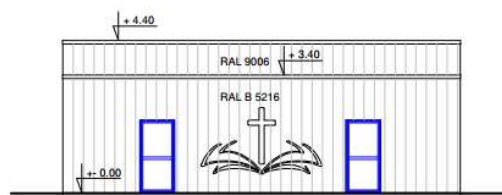
SOUTH WEST ELEVATION



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Note :

- Ensemble des façades en ossature métallique revêtue de bardage acier isolé coloris gris RAL 9006 et cuivre RAL B 5216 posé verticalement,
- Couverture en étanchéité multicouche isolée,
- Couverture en tôle laquée coloris gris anthracite RAL 7016,
- Menuiseries extérieures en aluminium coloris gris anthracite RAL 7016.

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**Before the project: the current evangelical Protestant Vannes-Séné church, building**



**After the project: impression of the Perspectives Venue**



#### 4) The Estimated Budget

The building costs include :

- The demolition of the current building (structure and foundation) after an asbestos investigation
- The excavation and back-filling of the land behind the existing building
- The construction of a building with :
  - A main hall for church services at the rear of the land
  - Multipurpose rooms, an office and a reception area with a tea room at the front
  - The main building entrance on the west side
  - A design that meets the regulations for public buildings
  - Outdoor space and access to parking spaces in the locality (outside the main plot)
  - Appropriate equipment and furniture

Estimated Project Budget for the Perspectives Venue Feasibility Study					
Income (€)				Expenditure (€)	
Item	Value Secured	Value Sought	Total Value	Item	Value
Funding from church finances	75,000		75,000	Demolition, renovation and extension of the building	730,000
Funding from Passerelles (subsidies, grants and donations for the equipment of a project offering assistance to those in need in the community)		30,000	30,000	Equipment and furniture	50,000
Zero interest loans from individuals	200,000		200,000		
Loan from Edifice Perspectives	75,000		75,000		
Donations from other sources		400,000	400,000		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>350,000</b>	<b>430,000</b>	<b>780,000</b>		<b>780,000</b>

## 5) The Estimated Project Timescales

# **September 2024** : consultation and reflection with the Perspectives church union

# **October 2024 to January 2025** : establishment of a steering committee and working groups responsible for identifying the project requirements and developing a preliminary architectural project and a communication plan

# **January – February 2025** : project modelling and costing by the project manager company SOCOMETAL

# **From February 2025** : fund raising and adaptation of the project according to the budget and resources

# **After finalisation and approval of the financing plan :**

- Filing the building permit request (reply typically received after 6 months)
- Completion of the building work when the permit is granted (expected duration of between 9 and 12 months)

## 6) Project Partners ...

### Les partenaires du projet

- L'église protestante évangélique PERSPECTIVES de Vannes
- L'union d'églises protestantes évangéliques PERSPECTIVES
- L'association EDIFICES PERSPECTIVES
- L'Association Familiale Protestante Passerelles



... and the affiliations of the church and the Passerelles Association

### Affiliations



## TO SUPPORT THE “SOUTH BRITTANY PERSPECTIVES VENUE ” PROJECT

### You can be involved in supporting this project :

#### - By keeping up with its progress :

- Sign up to the newsletter on our website: <https://www.eglise-perspectives-vannes.fr/>
- Subscribe to our church information newsletter  
(by e-mail request to : [eglise.perspectives.vannes@gmail.com](mailto:eglise.perspectives.vannes@gmail.com) )

#### - By supporting the project in prayer :

- For God to strengthen our faith and give us the wisdom and guidance required for the project
- For the church to be united in this project
- That the administrative procedures (e.g. planning permission) would advance without complications
- For God to provide the finances required for the project
- For this project to be a blessing to the Vannes area, the local population and other churches

#### - By contributing financially with a donation for the project :

##### • Individuals, churches and other associations in France can:

- Send a cheque to the following address:  
“ Église protestante évangélique Perspectives ”, 60 route de Keravy, 56000 VANNES
- Make a bank transfer to the church’s account using the following details :

Name	Association Église Protestante Évangélique de l'Agglomération de Vannes
Address	60, Route de Keravy, 56000 Vannes
Registered	Vannes Menimur
Bank code	16006
Branch code	38011
Account number	0084 0901 548
RIB key	70
IBAN code	FR76 1600 6380 1100 8409 0154 870
BIC/SWIFT code	AGRIFRPP860

- Make a donation through the HELLOASSO Organisation:  
<https://www.helloasso.com/associations/eglise-protestante-evangelique-de-l-agglomeration-de-vannes/formulaires/1>

*For all donations in France, you will receive a tax receipt, entitling you to a tax reduction of 66% of the amount of the donations. The reduction applies up to 20% of taxable income.  
Example: for a donation of 200€, you are entitled to a tax reduction of 132€ (200€ x 66%).*

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- **Individuals, churches and other organisations abroad can :**

- **In North America :**

Send your donations to IMPACT FRANCE by bank transfer using the site: <https://impactfrance.org/>

Send a cheque to the following address :  
(specifying “for the Vannes Project”)

Impact France  
1100 Peachtree Street NE, Suite 200  
Atlanta, GA 30309

- **In the United Kingdom :**

Send your donations via the France Mission website (specifying “for the Vannes Project”) :  
<https://www.francemission.org/>

- **In Germany :**

Send your donations to Chrischona  
(specifying « für das Vannes-Projekt »).

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