

How Ellen DeGeneres, Justin Bieber Are Funding a Megachurch Meeting Space

A new church in Detroit has the blessing of six different congregations and meets in a school funded by the pockets of Ellen DeGeneres and Justin Bieber, among others.

The Detroit Church launched this weekend in Detroit's Spain Elementary-Middle School.

"We've been invited to take part in the greatest adventure of all time. This adventure is turning brokenness into life and making everything new. The only question is, are you in?" the church website reads.

The school was partially funded by a donation from comedienne and talk show host DeGeneres, according to the *Detroit Free Press*.

DFP also reports Bieber will donate \$1 from every ticket sold to his April 25 concert at the Palace of Auburn Hills to the school.

"There's an amazing school in Detroit that's getting national attention right now and needs your help. At Spain Elementary Middle School, many of the students are underprivileged and homeless, but that's not their only obstacle. Almost all of their technology doesn't work, their entire roof is falling apart and their gym is completely shut down. Spain Elementary Middle School is in dire need of millions of dollars in renovations and we would love your help. Thank you for your attention and generosity in helping such an amazing school," DeGeneres posted on a GoFundMe page.

The donation is considered to be "Ellen's biggest, most

generous giveaway ever!”

The Detroit Church wants to complement rather than compete with other churches in the area, according to the *DFP*.

“We exist to awaken Detroit to the greatest adventure of all time. We aren’t another church on the corner with a steeple and a choir. We are bridging the gap between classic, resilient, Old Detroit, and fresh, energetic, New Detroiters: making One Detroit. This adventure is making perspectives new, families new, neighborhoods new. We get to share in the mission of Jesus as He makes all things new,” according to the website.