

CORE CONCEPTS FOR THE PROPOSED BUILDING PROJECT

Central United Methodist Church (Rev. 7/24/08)

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PURPOSE:

To develop a ministry facility that facilitates the Church's Mission to offer Christ's unconditional love as we reach up to God, reach within ourselves and reach out to our community.

CORE VALUES:

Intergenerational, multi-purpose, accessible, connecting with the architecture of the current building and introducing strong elements of hospitality, group gatherings, meaningful conversations, community service, comfort and experience of the Holy. Attention to the arts, families and student culture around the church should be evident. "Green" and/or renewable resource design will demonstrate the church's commitment to faithful stewardship of the earth and its resources.

TIMING:

LATE SUMMER-FALL 2008:

- Architect secured
- Ministry Interviews
- Renderings developed

JANUARY-MARCH 2009:

- Financial feasibility study
- Congregational interpretation

SPRING 2009:

- Architect plans secured
- Congregational Vote to approve
- Contractor bids

SUMMER-FALL 2009:

- Capital Campaign developed
- Bids and permits secured

SUMMER 2010:

- Possible construction to begin

BASIC ELEMENTS OF PROJECT:

- Large community, gathering space for multi-use including (but not limited to) small conversation areas, hospitality, food service, contemporary worship, lighting and sound for large groups.
- Multi-use classroom/small group space for adults and youth
- Children and Family Center space, accommodating a full day childcare facility
- Possible Office Suite for Shepherd's Center Central (in consultation with SCC Board)
- Office suite for new and existing staffing/ancillary groups with boardroom
- Mission areas which might include bunk rooms, shower facilities
- Enhancements to hospitality space adjacent or connected to the sanctuary (main worship space)
- Redevelopment of existing spaces for accessibility, hospitality and updated aesthetic.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE PROPOSED BUILDING PROJECT (Dec. '08)

Q: Who has been selected as our architectural firm to do the first phase of programming and a conceptual rendering of proposed new space?

A: The firm is Gastinger Walker Harden Architects. Kirk Gastinger is a principal of the firm and will be the lead architect. He lives nearby and is very familiar with the presence and place of Central in the Brookside area. He is very enthusiastic about the opportunity to work with us. Kirk will be assisted by architect Ryan Townsend and interior designer Kaysha Rios. Gastinger Walker has more than 40 staff members and offices in both Kansas City and Chicago. They have extensive experience in renovation of historical buildings, including churches, and design of childcare and school spaces. We believe they have the creative talent and understanding of the basic elements of our project and ministry plan to lead us through this part of our process.

Q: What have the architects been doing this month?

A: The architects have been meeting with a variety of ministry groups including the Ministry Teams, Trustees, Building Committee, Staff and Early Childhood Advisory Team. They have been hearing how our facilities limit our ability to fully realize our church's mission and vision as outlined in the Ministry Plan. Specifically, concerns include accessibility, common gathering spaces, open circulation around the building, safety and security, fuel and resource efficiency, space realignment for children, youth and adult education, etc. From this input, the architects will develop a 'Program' that outlines our facility needs that will guide renderings that will provide a solution. These renderings will be developed over Dec-Jan and will inform the financial feasibility study, scheduled for early winter, 2009.

Q: How will other input be invited and included?

A: As concepts for renderings emerge, opportunities for input from church members and leaders will be scheduled.

Q: How will be economic downturn impact our process?

A: While we are very aware of the real impact of economic downturn on a variety of our families, we will proceed in the Program phase with the architect and the financial feasibility study to learn what the capacity for funding this project is within the congregation and community. As that process happens, the Building Committee, Finance Committee and Trustees will continue to monitor the timing of the steps involved in a building process, related to resources. We are confident in God's direction and trust in the Spirit's wisdom as we gather more information and make decisions.

Q: Who can I speak with about questions I might have or information that I need?

A: Contact Roger Odneal, Building Committee Chair, Warren Green, Finance Chair, or Rev. Amy or any of the staff leaders at Central. If we don't know the answers, we'll help you get them!

Q: How can I begin to support this effort and Building Project?

A: Pray daily for the work of our leaders and those with whom God resources us for this work. To make a special or regular contribution to the Building Fund, designate a check to Central UMC, Building Fund, or contact Rev. Amy or Larry Taft, Endowment Chair, about an estate or stock gift or other planned giving.