

# 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 (Nov. '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: During a construction process, will our church's ministries, early childhood activities and/or Sunday School have to be moved or suspended?**

A: The architectural firm is committed to helping us continue operations through a building process, as long as the environment is safe and reasonable for group gatherings and other operations.

**Q: Has the cost of this project been determined?**

A: No. Until the architectural renderings and preliminary contractor bids are determined, the cost cannot be determined. Prior to a financial feasibility study (early '09) and mandatory all-church meeting (March '09), the project cannot be authorized and spending for construction would not be possible. Costs of the feasibility study and architectural renderings will be assumed by the operating budget and endowment, as guided by the Ministry Plan and managed by the Finance Committee.

**Q: Who will conduct the financial Feasibility Study once the architect renderings are developed?**

A: The financial campaign company, RSI, has been contracted to conduct the financial feasibility study. If the church proceeds, following an all church vote in late Spring 2009, with a Capital Campaign, Rev. Dustin Cooper, an RSI consultant and pastor in relationship with Central will consult on the capital campaign. The financial feasibility study, however, will be led by a different RSI consultant, to assure objectivity and bring expertise in feasibility work.

**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.