

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 (Sept. '07)

Q: What has been accomplished from the Ministry Plan so far?

A: Many new and redeveloped ministries are emerging as envisioned in our Ministry Plan. A marketing team has begun the 'branding' of a church logo to be revealed soon. Planning for worship technology is continuing. A new Monday night Young Adult worship service has started at 8 p.m. called, "The Door" in Oak Hall. Ongoing discussions with Shepherd's Center have continued about relocating their offices to Central. Leaders have been trained in disaster recovery ministries. Volunteers in Mission teams are being planned to Greensburg, KS and Mozambique. Stephen Ministry will be launched in September. Stewardship and support of our church's ministry continues to grow. New ministry staff has been welcomed to support our ministry to our student communities. Praise God!

Q: Has the architect been selected or drawings been rendered for this project yet?

A: No. The Building Committee will be meeting with three firms, selected from a wide pool, in September to determine a firm and architect who will interview the congregation's ministry areas, align with the Ministry Plan and Core Concepts, and propose a redevelopment of ministry space to better serve the needs of the congregation in fulfilling its ministry plan.

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: What are we learning from the architects being considered for our project?

A: There is a strong interest in preserving the integrity of the presence, prominence and look of our current building while making space more functional, effective, updated and invitational for our current and envisioned ministries. The core concepts, which have emerged over three years of planning, gathering and discussion, will be reflected in the project design.

Q: Who informs the architect on the project design?

A: Once an architect is hired, they enter into a 'programming' phase with the congregation. This phase is when the architect and their project team interview the Building Committee, staff, ministry area teams, and other groups in the church and community, to learn what space 'problems' need to be solved for more efficient and effective hospitality, education, mission, worship and stewardship to occur. After this process, which can take 2-3 months, basic architectural renderings can be developed.

Q: What is Shepherd's Center part in this proposed building project?

A: From the beginning of our vision work, the historical relationship with Shepherd's Center has been honored and respected. We are working with the Board of Directors of Shepherd's Center to locate a new office suite in developed space. The Adventures in Learning Program has chosen to re-locate to a new church location at 75th and Holmes to better accommodate its programming needs.

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.