

Moving Forward – Two Simultaneous Efforts

1. Project Planning

It is crucial that you participate in a Congregational Meeting on August 16 as we provide important information regarding next steps including a vote to approve funding for a construction manager. A construction manager will guide us in preparations for the Phase 1 projects, including project sequencing, cost estimating, and financing. Detailed Phase 1 project & financing plans will then be shared with the congregation for review and approval.

2. Restarting the ProJECT Forward Campaign

We are planning to restart the campaign in September. Promotion of the campaign will occur throughout September. Members will be asked to respond with their campaign pledges by the end of September. Anyone who is ready to provide their campaign pledge now is welcomed to do so!

Any questions?

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Start and Stop

When we launched our ProJECT Forward campaign back in January, little did we know that a pandemic was right around the corner. In early March, as we provided all members with their personal campaign packets, the severity of the approaching pandemic was unknown. We all know what happened next. As the normalcy of our lives was upended by the pandemic, we were quick to put the ProJECT Forward campaign on pause. It was obvious we needed to remain focused on taking care of ourselves and each other by practicing social distancing to prevent the further spread of the coronavirus.

An exciting campaign update!

When we temporarily paused the campaign in March, all members were invited to see how the Holy Spirit was still actively guiding us in our vision in new and creative ways. Everyone was encouraged to continue praying for the campaign. If members felt moved to make a campaign commitment, they were invited to do so. We are excited to share that we have received early campaign pledges totaling over \$1.5 million! What an amazing start to our campaign! This early response has made us all the more confident that our ProJECT Forward campaign will be successful. We are all the more encouraged and focused on accomplishing the projects we set out to do.

Priorities changed

Given the generous campaign response to date, and given the impact of the virus upon our congregational life, the order of the projects is changing even as designs remain largely unchanged. We are now planning on Phase 1 to consist of all church interior work, thereby deferring all exterior work to Phase 2.



Why this change?

- **Safety...** We expect to be facing the coronavirus challenges for quite a while. As we prepare for the eventual return of our members for onsite worship, we now know what we can do to make our church environment safe, and thereby make it easier for our members to return. Some safety enhancements include proper physical spacing of members, touch-free restrooms, healthy air circulation and video equipment. By introducing our live-streaming technology, we will continue to serve those who choose to stay connected at home.
- **Cost Savings...** Doing all church interior work at once rather than at different stages provides economies of scale that lower the overall cost of the project. It makes sense to do all the anticipated plumbing at one time, rather than over multiple phases. The same is true with other building components such as the HVAC and sprinkler system.
- **Less Disruption...** The current suspension of on-site worship and activities due to the pandemic has created a unique opportunity to accomplish all church interior work with minimal disruption to our ministries.

Proposed Project Phases

Phase 1 – Interior projects
Estimated cost: \$2 - 2.5 million

Sanctuary Renovations
Elevator
Café (including Bathrooms)
Office Spaces
Hands & Feet
Rear Entrance
Daycare
Basement & Fellowship Hall
New Parsonage Renovations

Phase 2 – Exterior project
Estimated cost: \$1 - 1.5 million

Exterior Site-work
East side site work
Sanctuary Roofing & Exteriors
Yellow House Removal
Current Parsonage Removal

Funding of the projects will come from current & future campaign pledges, supplemented by borrowed funds, as needed. The congregation will be approached to approve all future borrowing.

Beyond the projects listed above, funds pledged to the ProJECT Forward campaign will also be used to:

- Repay the funds used to acquire the property at 536 S. Cornell (\$220,000)
- Provide future ministry support with 10% of the total funds raised
- Pay for professional services