



# JULY 2020

## BUILDING TOGETHER UPDATE

Thanks to your commitment, prayers and generosity, **we're off and running!**

*And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. Hebrews 12:1-2*

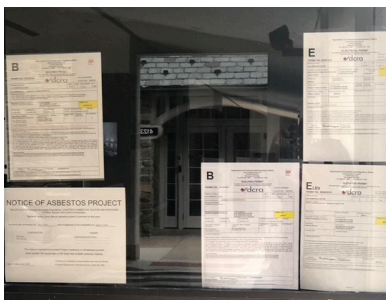
### What's happened in the last month to pave our way?

- June 21** NPC members approve pursuing a loan (up to \$7m) to bridge the gap between current received funds and commitments, with an added cushion for contingency, if needed.
- June 22** DC's Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs issues our building permits, enabling construction to commence.
- June 30** National Capital Presbytery approves for NPC to proceed with its construction loan.
- July 13** NPC signs the construction contract with MCN Build, our general contractor.
- July 22** NPC closes on a loan (to be used if needed, up to \$7m) with TruStar



## CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

### It's beginning to look a lot like a construction project!



We have permits!

Over the last several months, NPC staff and lay teams have diligently cleared out storage areas in anticipation of the construction project. To make room for temporary storage during the project, we've rented two, large weather-proofed storage units which are placed close to Stone Hall for easy access. And MCN Build's Construction trailer is now onsite over near Agencies / Multi-Purpose parking lot.



Signs for safety.



Storage units are onsite and filling.

### Up to date with Security Equipment:

After nearly two years of effort, our security grant project is nearly complete! We have new doors, cabling, power panels, cameras, alarms and controlled access equipment for the Church and Admin buildings enabling our security company and Facilities staff to monitor access 24/7.

In mid-June, the four Booth stained glass windows from our predecessor church, Church of the Covenant, were removed. These windows, located just outside the Parlor on the main level, were in disrepair and needed to be removed to make room for our two new elevators. A specialty firm from Minnesota, Cathedral Crafts, carefully removed and shipped them to their workshop where a year-long restoration process will take place. When they arrive back at National, we will find another location in the Church building in which to display them.



...and there was light!



## MISSION COMMITMENT



**Little Lights Urban Ministries** continues to benefit from NPC's campaign funds! Little Lights has supported the kids with additional educational programming and sorely needed food and have helped lead DC area Christians in conversations about race and racism in America. This summer, Little Lights gave out tablets and supplies for a virtual summer camp. Kids are learning coding and music, and doing Bible studies and arts and crafts. May they be ready for whatever may come their way this fall!



Our capital campaign partner in Jordan, the **Marka Church**, serves refugees from around the region with schooling, basic supplies, and the good news of Jesus Christ. During Jordan's coronavirus lockdown, the church elders led ministry outreach to refugee families, ensuring people received sustenance, Bibles, internet connections, and human connection. Thank God for good church leaders!



## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

**The strength of your commitments helped** NPC secure favorable construction financing for our construction project! It is inspiring that during the uncertain times of a pandemic, giving was sustained and clearly remained a priority to those that support our vision for NPC! Over \$8 million has already been received from 525 families! If you would like to show your support, you can mail a check, give online, donate appreciated stock, or redirect your Required Minimum Distribution to NPC. **For assistance with any of these methods, please email or call our Director of Finance and Administration Leah Skrine at [lskrine@nationalpres.org](mailto:lskrine@nationalpres.org) or (202)537-7484.**

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