



OCTOBER 2020 BUILDING TOGETHER UPDATE



Rain garden trench



Reinforced retaining walls



Concrete walls nearly complete

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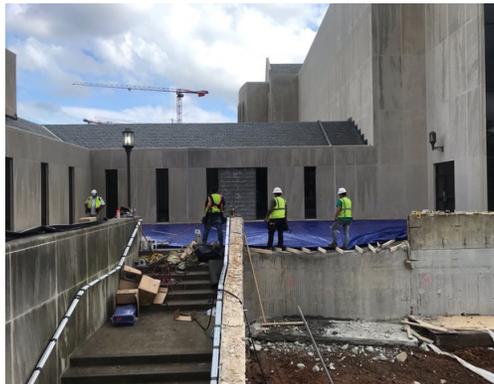
Construction of our new Bio-Retention Area – or more commonly called “Rain Garden” -- is nearly complete! Throughout September, our contractors dug a significant trench, installed drains and storm lines to the road, and poured concrete retaining walls. The garden, which borders the Multipurpose / Agencies parking lot, is designed to capture stormwater runoff from the parking lot, and will eventually be filled with native plants.



CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS



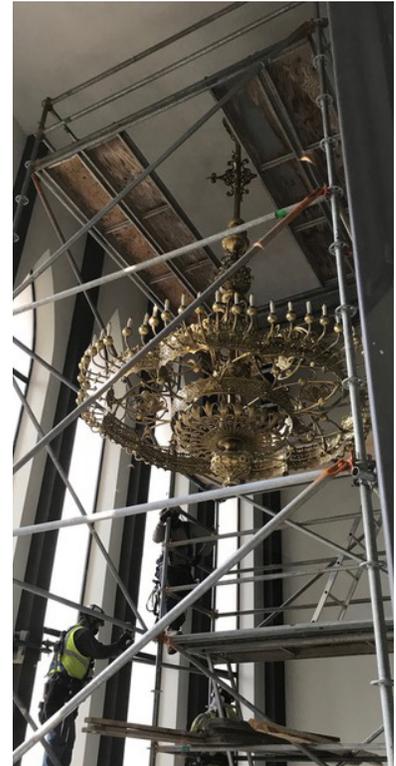
Removing the plaza surface



Installing the temporary cover

The outdoor plaza on the Sanctuary level has been demolished, and installation underway of a much-needed waterproofing system and topped with a new slab of concrete. The original waterproofing system failed many years ago, causing ongoing water issues and expensive repairs to our mechanical rooms, the Columbarium and nearby hallways. Frames have been cut for the two new doors which will be installed to reach the patio.

The Court of Flags is currently scaffolded to install a winch to raise and lower the chandelier, which will enable easy access to maintain it once the central stairs are in place below it. Fifty years ago, the chandelier was moved from our predecessor church downtown when our Nebraska Avenue site was being built.



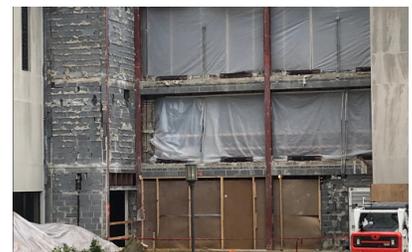
Court of Flags



Front garden



Mezzanine elevator lobby and new flower room



New rear entrance

And work has started to prepare the site for our new garden rooms! The first step is excavation for foundations and utilities.

The stage has been removed, and preparation for our new boilers has commenced with new boiler installation expected in late October, just in time for winter. And work is underway to frame the new flower room on the mezzanine level as well as demolition in the loft storage to create the new Library and restrooms at the other end of the building.

MISSION COMMITMENT



Students celebrating the opening of Good Shepherd School

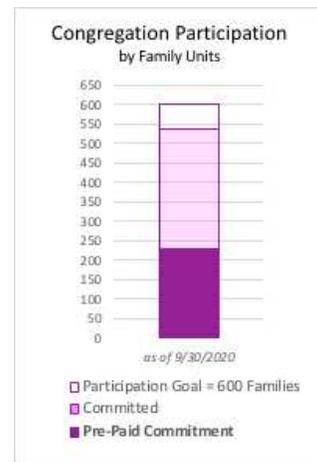
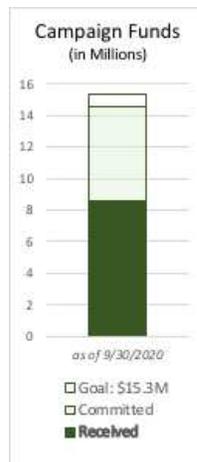


In 2015, our Capital Campaign Mission Partner, the Marka Church, in Amman, Jordan, started the Good Shepherd School to educate Iraqi refugee elementary-age children who would not be able to enroll in local schools. While Iraq is safer now, many Christian refugees had property that was either forcibly taken or destroyed during the war, and they are not welcome back to their hometowns. Meanwhile, the wartime preschoolers have completed elementary school, and continue to be educated at the Good Shepherd School. Recently, Good Shepherd School opened a new middle school, and students are now in class, as schools in Jordan have recently been allowed to re-open after taking Covid precautions.

CAPITAL \$ CAMPAIGN

Excitement was high after the groundbreaking in early September and increases were seen across the board with new commitments, prepayment of commitments to minimize financing expenses, overall giving, and family participation! A total of 537 families across 21 states and three countries are now participating in the Capital Campaign.

For assistance or question about the campaign, please email or call our Director of Finance and Administration Leah Skrine at lskrine@nationalpres.org or (202) 537-7484.



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