



JUNE 2021 BUILDING TOGETHER UPDATE

WALK THIS WAY!

... and come on in! The construction team is busy completing our **NEW ENTRANCE**, which is located in the northeast corner of the church building, next to Stone Hall. Two sweeping sidewalks lead you to the main entrance. While both sidewalks are accessible by Americans with Disabilities Act (**ADA**) standards, one walkway is level. There is also a flush curb providing safe and convenient passenger drop-off before parking.

The new walkway features shrubs, low maintenance and colorful border grasses and perennials. Two Sweet Bay Magnolia trees will be planted along the sidewalk closer to Stone Hall. We plan to add a few benches along the path as well.

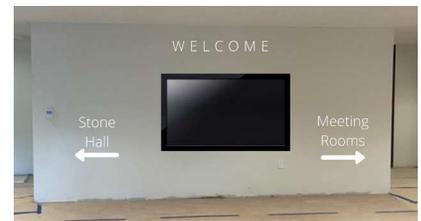
As you walk into the entrance, you'll pass through a **VESTIBULE** with air lock doors providing shelter from inclement weather. When you enter the main **LOBBY**, you'll immediately see a large wall with a video screen as well as directional signage. While this area will display important information for everyone, it will be especially helpful for first-time visitors. Our two new **ELEVATORS** are also located in the Lobby, and it's just a few steps to the **COLUMBARIUM, STONE HALL**, and the new **CENTRAL STAIRS**, which take you to the middle level and Sanctuary levels.



Artist's rendering of the New Entrance



New Entrance under construction



Lobby wall with sample of screen and signage



New Vestibule taking shape



CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

The **GARDEN ROOMS** are light-filled by large, glass windows while five sets of doors provide easy garden access. On the Sanctuary level, two pairs of glass doors are in place for convenient passage to the newly enlarged **PLAZA** above the Garden Rooms, and four pairs of doors have been installed at the **NEW ENTRANCE**.



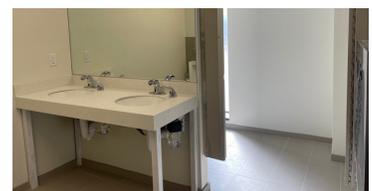
Garden rooms doors and windows



The flower team loves their new space!

The **FLOWER ROOM** is occupied! Now demolition is underway to upgrade the former Flower Room (next to the Parlor) to serve as the Sacristy as well as a Kitchenette to support events and activities on the Sanctuary level.

And, at last, we have a renovated **MEN'S RESTROOM** on the Sanctuary level.



Renovated men's restroom

MISSION COMMITMENT



Little Lights Urban Ministries, one of our local Capital Campaign Partners, quickly adjusted to the needs of its students when the DC Public Schools partially reopened in April. **Learning Hubs** allow students to stay socially distanced while accessing computers, attending virtual classes and receiving supplementary homework help. Learning Hubs also provide students with nutritious meals and snacks. The **Zoom Heroes** program provides 1-on-1 tutoring.

Since January, Little Lights staff have been piloting a **College and Career Readiness** program, and they are seeing remarkable results: drastically improved grades and even one college acceptance! Some school administrators have been so impressed with the results that they have asked if additional students can participate. As more middle and high school students join, both the scope of the program and the need for resources continue to grow. Services include essay-writing skills for applications; connecting students with tutors; navigating available financial aid, scholarships and grants; offering SAT prep classes; college and vocational school guidance services; and helping students determine careers that match their individual gifts and skills.



A Learning Hub student getting homework help.



Little Lights student receiving socially distanced instruction.

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CAMPAIGN

A thank you message from our Capital Campaign Continuity Committee co-chair **Delores Ziegler**:



NPC's family and friends really came through in April, supporting the Capital Campaign by doubling contributions of the first quarter. With this type of continuing support, we will reach our goal sooner than anticipated and delay/reduce our use of the construction loan which lowers our financing costs. The joy of seeing our money at work in the mission projects we are supporting makes our spirits soar. Soon we will be back together, enjoying learning and working together to serve the Lord in our renovated spaces. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Can you help us reach our campaign fund-raising goals? Contact our Director of Finance and Administration Leah Skrine at lskrine@nationalpres.org or (202) 537-7484.

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