



# AUGUST 2021

## BUILDING TOGETHER UPDATE

### FINISHING STRONG!



We're in the last "lap" of our major construction and it's all about the finish! Final touches are underway in many areas of our project. Here are just a few examples:

- The **Garden Room Dividers** are installed. These premium, acoustically sealed dividers easily expand and retract to enable up to three classes or meetings to occur in the garden rooms simultaneously. The Garden Rooms are nearly ready, just waiting for installation of speakers, fire alarm devices, and ....
- **Video Screens!** The largest screens in our project have the longest delivery times. The screens for Stone Hall, the Garden Rooms and the new Entrance Lobby have already been ordered while the smaller screens for hallways and meeting rooms will be ordered this month. The goal is to complete the video screen installation in October. Stone Hall will have an array of four screens as depicted here.
- Installation of our new, up-to-date **Fire Alarm System** throughout the entire building continues including the addition of the **Fire Annunciator Panel** which visually indicates where an alarm has been activated. In the Sanctuary, strobes and speakers are in place, and this month MAJOR scaffolding will be erected in the Chancel area in order to reach the highest points in the ceiling to place the smoke detectors. WE EXPECT THE SANCTUARY SCAFFOLDING TO BE UP THROUGH LATE-SEPTEMBER. The addition of the fire alarm system was a requirement to bring our 50-year-old building up to DC Code.
- Now that major construction is complete in our lovely Fountain Garden, **Landscaping** can begin! The week of August 23rd, the landscape team will begin laying grass sod and installing plants, shrubs and, eventually, trees in the front garden and our new main entrance.
- In July our beautiful **Central Stairs** passed the structural steel inspection. Work has begun to enclose the underside of the stairs. Then the steps will be finished with terrazzo treads and risers followed by installation of glass guardrails and wooden handrails.

# MISSION COMMITMENT



## NPC's Million for Mission at Work:

The **Marka Church** in Amman, Jordan, helps refugees forced to leave their homes in Iraq and Syria. The church offers love, friendship, medical care, education and skills training, along with prayer and stories about Jesus.



The **International Association for Refugees (IAFR)** provides refugees in the Kakuma Camp in Kenya with metal sheeting for multi-purpose buildings that serve as churches and schools.

**Little Lights Urban Ministries** hosts the Race Literacy Class 101 for adults, an 11-week study and discussion group that meets weekly to learn and discuss the issue of race and racism in an honest yet grace-filled environment.



**National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon (NESSL)** is building the Aleppo Christian Center in the spot where Islamist groups destroyed the Presbyterian church in 2012. The Center will be a place for theological training in the Arabic language, ecumenical conferences, and religious dialogue.



**YoungLife DC South** is launching REACH Ministry: Real, Encouraging, Adaptable, Christ-centered, Healthy. Reach will be a place for youth to have fun, engage in artistic reflection, discuss real-life issues, and hear the Gospel and how the message of Jesus connects to every aspect of our lives.

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



As every Olympic athlete knows, it's important to **FINISH STRONG!** We are amazed and grateful for the financial generosity of our congregation. We're now so very close to completing major construction. If you have not yet given – or if you can increase your commitment -- **now is the time!** Please join others in our church family to ensure that our vision for NPC Facilities and Mission is realized.

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

***Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way as to take the prize.*** 1 Corinthians 9:24

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