



# OCTOBER 2021 BUILDING TOGETHER UPDATE



## WELCOME HOME!

Major construction is complete! Join us on **Sunday, October 17**, for our **Building Together RENOVATION DEDICATION!** Both worship services will include a capital project dedication.

### Official Ribbon Cutting

**10:30 am** - The event will occur between the services on the **Sanctuary level Upper Plaza patio**.

### Self- Guided Tours

**12 noon – 1:15 pm**, take self-guided tours of the new spaces that are of interest to you. A “host” will be at each space to describe improvements and changes. Visit each of our new areas like the Garden Rooms, Library, Flower Room . . . see improvements at the Youth House, in our Choir Room, Sacristy and look at our beautiful boilers! See how our \$1 Million for Mission is making an enormous difference.

**Hey kids!** We have a special **Scavenger Hunt** for you! Come to the Nursery / Toddler Room and pick up your Scavenger Hunt bags. Accompany your parents on the self-guided tour of our new spaces and then return to the Toddler / Nursery Room with your goodies to receive a prize!



### BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE!

Next up on the project horizon:

- **Video Screens** – Screens have been ordered for most meeting rooms and hallways and are beginning to arrive and be installed. Look for more to be added in the weeks ahead.
- **Interior and Exterior Wayfinding Signage** – Temporary signage will be replaced with permanent signs soon.
- **Landscaping** – The new, large planters in the front of the church will soon have trees and greenery. Our landscape architect has provided a schedule for installation to encourage optimal growth.
- **Organ repairs** – Re-leathering will occur in 2022, a project which has not been done since the instrument was installed in 1967. A dust-free environment is necessary for this detailed work so was delayed until after major construction is complete.
- **Admin Building renovations** – We're moving closer to our goal of centralizing staff into one building. The former Library (which has moved to the main church building) can be reconfigured to offer valuable new space for staff use.
- **Additional furnishings** – Coming soon: Meeting room chairs, Library conference tables and chairs, outdoor benches, shades for the Stone Hall windows, and more.
- **Fountain Repairs** – Our 50+ year-old fountain needs major repairs; we're currently assessing next steps to get the fountain operable again.
- **\$1M for Mission** – The final \$200k distribution to our mission partners will be sent in the months ahead.

**CAPITAL**



**CAMPAIGN**

*We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia. For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints— and this, not merely as we expected – but they gave themselves first to the Lord.*

Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 8:1-5

Dear Members and Friends of National,

Thank you for your amazing and generous support of the Capital Campaign! Please join us on Sunday October 17th for worship at 8:45 and 11:00 am for the dedication of our renovated facilities to the glory of God. During the service we will be sharing the total amount of gifts received so far, as well as the opportunity for further generosity that will enable us to complete our project debt free.

Here are some details that we hope will lead to your further prayerful participation:

- **HOW MANY HOUSEHOLDS HAVE PARTICIPATED?** More than 570 families have joined NPC in not only re-imagining what our facility should look like but in helping NPC realize this dream through prayers, volunteering expertise, and of course financial support.
  - » While a great number of families have already participated, we would like to increase participation, which also increases ownership of improvements to our church home. This is “our” church home, and the project has only been successful because of the participation not of a few, but of many.
  - » If you have not yet shared in this outpouring of generosity, the best time to do so is NOW!
- **REMEMBER THE \$1M MISSION COMPONENT** to further Christ's work in urban DC (through the organizations “Young Life” and “Little Lights”), as well as to support refugees from Syria and the Sudan in Lebanon, Jordan and Kenya? \$800,000 has already been sent to our partners. We want the remaining \$200,000 to be sent and “put to work” as soon as possible.
- **WHY ARE THERE CONSTRUCTION BILLS STILL TO BE PAID?** We are currently 4 3/4 years into a 6-year capital campaign with commitments scheduled through year-end 2022. With all major work completed and most construction payments due this year, there is a timing gap between payments to be made and income from commitments and gifts that are not scheduled to be received until 2022. Knowing this timing “gap” before construction, the congregation approved a loan which we have now received.
  - » Your ongoing and new gifts will pay down the loan principal, will decrease interest costs, and will also help NPC to reach 2023 with little or no long term debt.

We are so grateful for all who have participated so generously – and we ask that you allow God to guide you

- *To join with others if you have not already done so,*
- *To complete existing commitments as soon as possible,*
- *To move beyond your initial commitment if you are able.*

As we celebrate Dr. Renwick's 11 years of service here at NPC in 2022, and begin our search for our new senior pastor, the completion of our project both physically and financially sends a powerful message about the depth of our spiritual commitment and our hope for Christ's work to flourish in and through National for decades to come. Let's send that message together.

**MAKE A GIFT NOW!**

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