

GARDEN ROOMS / PATIO & TERRACE

What was here before the renovation?

- Nothing! This is a new addition in an area that was part of the former garden.
- The large garden area was level with the current fountain and only accessible by stairs.
- It was impossible to walk out the middle level of the church because the top of the stage in Stone Hall extended up through the middle level.

What's changed?

New Garden Rooms:

- When the former stage in Stone Hall was removed and the floor filled in to connect the north and south mezzanine rooms, we were able to move insulation and piping in the mechanical room to create a bridge from the church building to this new space.
- Room is designed to be one large room or -- by closing the dividers -- three smaller rooms. If all the rooms are occupied, a walkway around the rooms enables people to exit to garden terrace and ramps up to the fountain. Equipment frequently used in the Garden Rooms is stored in the hallway on the other side of the Garden Rooms.
- Rooms have recessed lighting with sensors, window shades, climate control, new meeting tables (here and throughout the building), and built-in audio/speaker system for presentations.
- *COMING SOON*: A 98" video screen will be hung on each end of the Garden Rooms; a mobile video screen will be used if required in the middle room. New folding chairs for these rooms and throughout the building will arrive at the end of the month.

Garden Terrace:

- The lower garden terrace is sized to allow small bistro tables and chairs for events.
- Terracing up to the fountain garden includes steps and a handicapped accessible ramp.
- *COMING SOON*: The planters will have trees and plants installed. At the base of the lower planters, climbing plants will be installed that will cover the concrete face and provide color year around. The fountain needs significant repairs to make it operational again; the Facility Council continues to pursue costs and options to restore the fountain.

Interesting tidbits:

- The mezzanine level of the building is approximately 5 feet lower than the fountain garden which required digging deep to excavate the foundation for the new addition.
- A primary goal was to maintain a finished roof elevation that matched the existing upper plaza, giving us a large extended outdoor plaza at the Sanctuary level.
- In 2018, the limestone façade of the church building and tower were repaired and cleaned with earthquake insurance funds. The limestone garden scripture walls and forecourt have been recently cleaned with funds provided by a generous donor.
- The Garden Rooms fills a need for more classrooms in the main building plus we now have a room that can comfortably accommodate 70-100 people (between the size of the Parlor (50) and huge Stone Hall (300-400)).