



MARCH 2022 BUILDING TOGETHER UPDATE

CAPITAL PROJECT PROGRESS!

It's been six months since October's **RENOVATION DEDICATION**, and many Capital Project improvements continue throughout the church and our property.



Stone Hall screen array



Bronze Sanctuary railings



One of the Booth windows before the restoration



The window segment restored

The four **BOOTH STAINED GLASS WINDOWS** that formerly filled the windows on the Sanctuary level where our new elevators are now were removed one year ago for restoration. The windows are back on our campus, and the transformation is dramatic! After thorough cleaning, glass repair and re-leading, the colors are vibrant and the depictions captivating. Work has commenced to build boxes into which the windows will be inserted and backlit. Soon they'll hang along the Chapel Hallway so we can appreciate their beauty day and night.

VIDEO SCREENS are popping up all around the church building – in meeting rooms, hallways, and major gathering areas. Most recently, four 75" screens are in use in Stone Hall to provide multiple options for video displays. Meeting room screens enable presentations and virtual classes, while hallway screens highlight activities and directions.

You might have not even noticed a subtle improvement in the sanctuary – new **RAILINGS** at the chancel stairs to aid access. These solid, burnished bronze railings have been sculpted to mirror other fixtures in the Sanctuary.

On the horizon . . . stay tuned!

- In the **fountain garden**, a replacement Willow Oak will be planted in early March along the Nebraska Avenue sidewalk lawn in the place where the original one fell in 2019. In addition, four London Plane trees will be planted around the fountain, providing shade and greenery in the garden forecourt.
- A specialist recently completed a thorough review of the organ and will provide us with a prioritized list of repairs, including **organ re-leathering**.
- Architectural drawings have been commissioned to consider options to finish our **new main entrance** on the parking lot, making it more attractive, noticeable and welcoming.
- Now that we have a beautiful Library in the church building, we're repurposing the former Library in the **Administration Building** to accommodate staff offices.

MISSION COMMITMENT



One goal of the Capital Campaign was **one million dollars** for missions and **we made it!** Little did we know how desperately our gifts would be needed to help mission partners adapt to helping their clientele survive the pandemic. Thanks to your generosity, our partnership, and their hard work, the following highlights were possible:

- Iraqi and Syrian refugees forced to leave homes received love, friendship, medical care, education, skills training and stories about Jesus from the **Marka Church in Amman, Jordan**.
- **Kenya's Kakuma Camp** refugees received metal sheeting to cover frame buildings to enable worship and school, a plentiful supply of water from boreholes, and school scholarships for five girls.
- Displaced Syrian children in Lebanon learned to use art to express their feelings about traumatic experiences and the **Aleppo Christian Center**, a place for theological training in Arabic, ecumenical conferences and religious dialogue, was rebuilt.
- Washington area adults grappled with issues in Race Literacy classes hosted by **Little Lights Urban Ministries**; the Hilltop Center was expanded; and Little Lights children went to Homework Club, Reading warriors, weekend student retreats, and a Christian mentoring program. Little Lights ensured support for students and low-income neighbors during the pandemic.
- Students in Northwest and Southeast DC had a blast at summer camp, including five teen moms and their babies in the **YoungLives** program.



YoungLives participants



YoungLives Teen Moms

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

In the months since our Renovation Dedication celebration, hundreds have enjoyed using NPC's new and renovated facilities, and experienced its beauty and functionality. We encourage all who are comfortable to join the sense of community in learning and worship, reveling in our new ministry facilities, and the overall pleasure and the welcome of our church building.

Central to our faith and most appropriate to this project, is the embrace of the word **GRATITUDE** -- to God and to all who have provided time and resources to bring this project to fruition. Your Capital Campaign team joins the chorus of **GRATITUDE** for all who have brought us so close to reaching our capital goal. In the coming days we will identify the estimated amount needed to ensure that we eliminate any indebtedness, challenging us all to finish well in the next months.

We encourage those who have committed to the Campaign to bring your contributions up to date, and those who have yet to give to consider prayerfully being co-owners of your church's vision: "Building Together for the Next 50 Years." Continue to pray for all engaged in the finishing touches of this project and that we all will be fully responsive to God's leading in our personalized **GRATITUDE**.

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