

Renovation Questions & Answers

From Trinity Building Committee

Trinity is embarking on a major project. We want to do the best we can to honor God and improve ministry opportunities. It is also important that we do this together. Since presenting architectural drawings in October we have had to make some changes to act with fiscal responsibility. Below are some of those changes and how we came to them.

Why propose doing the project in two phases?

We are excited with your response in the capital campaign. At this point we have about \$1.2 million in funds committed (about \$500,000 of that is already in hand). The challenge is that the whole project has a price tag of around \$2.5 million. If we wait to do anything, construction costs will increase. Fortunately, this project has always been one that can be done in phases, so we can do part now and deal with the rest of the project later.

How did we choose what is Phase 1 and what is Phase 2?

Because of the tremendous response in the campaign, we are able to do most of the project. While we believe all components are important, we want to begin with those that would have the greatest impact on ministry. The pipe organ firm says the major portion of refurbishing the organ can be done. A smaller part of the organ project could be delayed another 5 to 10 years. We can do all of the Fellowship Hall remodeling that would be used by the general public if we wait with the office remodeling until later. The part of the project that would impact you can be completed this year.

Phase 1

- (4) Kitchen remodel
- (1) Gym remodel
- (7) Elevator for school
- (6) Heritage Room remodel
- Complete pipe organ work
- (2) Restrooms remodeled (ADA compliant)
- Major portion of pipe organ refurbished

Phase 2

- (5) Consolidated office space
- (3) Convert old office space to storage
- (3) Convert 4 old offices to two meeting spaces

Are there changes to the plans presented in October?

Yes, there is a minor change. We had planned to convert the restroom space to be used as meeting rooms and convert office space to restrooms. To complete the restroom remodel now we switched that. The current restroom space will now be ADA (handicap accessible) compliant restroom space.

Were options for cutting costs considered?

Yes, we considered scaling back work in the kitchen, by keeping our current oven/range. The concern is that people would not be happy with just doing surface changes and what would happen if the range were to break in several years. We also considered scaling back the elevator to a lift which could get a wheelchair from the fellowship hall level to the first floor of classrooms. This would have saved money but would not meet the law on ADA compliance for schools and would not satisfy the needs of a handicapped student.

When would Phase 2 be implemented and how?

The goal would be to continue to collect funds and complete the project in five years. All of this would depend on God's blessings, ministry needs and the will of the voters of Trinity. We are confident that in the interim, ministry would continue with some inconveniences, but without great sacrifice of ministry.



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