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HOPE CHURCH PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE



What's happened since the last update?

A Property Development update was presented to the congregation on Sunday, March 3 following worship. We are making strong progress in an evolving process where we are learning as we go. Some ideas are changing, and this requires us to be flexible, adaptable, and patient.

Over the last weeks, architectural planning has intensified with Vanman Architects and Builders. They are doing exciting work and we are committing to have designs for you next month. We can hardly wait! We want the renewed facility to serve the ones already here and the ones on the way. Key elements in the master plan include:

- o express architecturally our mission and vision (crossover community)
- o connect isolated staff and ministries
- o right size and modernize the facility
- o reduce operational costs
- o connect to our heritage
- o connect to our neighborhood
- o create beauty that glorifies God

We have also carefully explored options for capital campaign consulting companies. The last week of February we contracted with The James Company. The James Company supported our campaign in 2004 to raise over \$1 million for Hope Shores. After an exciting initial meeting, an emerging idea is that our capital campaign would begin this fall.

The Property Development Taskforce continues to press ahead in pursuing development of the south side. There is a sub-team made up of Cesar Castillejos, Sharon Lawyer, and Dan Ritchie. They are approaching this complicated task with great energy and have connected with city leaders, bankers, and developers. As this work unfolds, we are seeing that one good conversation leads to another and there is purpose in each one. This is an evolving process and we are pleased that clarity continues to emerge.

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Frequently Asked Questions

When will we see the master plan?

We are excited to share the preliminary master plan and 3-D renderings at the Annual Meeting on April 28. An all-church dinner will be served in Social Events by the youth of the church at 5:00 pm. The meeting will follow at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Follow-up listening sessions are scheduled for:

Tuesday, April 30 - 6:30 pm
Thursday, May 2 - 10:00 am
Thursday, May 2 - 6:30 pm
Wednesday, May 8 - 6:30 pm

What is the timeline of this project?

Last November, we completed the first of five phases to develop the church facility – conception and initiation.

We have since been in phase two – project definition and planning. This phase shifted from brainstorming design concepts to creating a church facility master plan that will include drawings, 3-dimensional interior and exterior views, and the project budget. We're currently in the process of testing a plan against our project and design requirements. The next step will be to set a proposal before session for approval, then to the congregation for feedback.

Afterward will come the project launch and execution when we will carry out a capital campaign to fund the project, prepare construction plans and documents, obtain city approval and permits, bid the project and start construction.

We anticipate a capital campaign will begin in September 2019.

Project management will follow. And then, in the next 24-30 months will be the completion of a new, revamped church building – the place where people of every age, the ones already here and the ones on the way, will go Deeper with Jesus, Wider in the Kingdom, and Closer in Community.

Efforts will continue throughout this time as we seek to understand opportunities for the south side property development.

How much is construction going to cost?

We won't have an accurate figure until the design work is complete. In December, the session approved the following motion:

The Session of Hope Presbyterian Church authorizes the Property Development Task Force to define and initiate a masterplan up to \$8 million dollars and to carry out a capital campaign to extend through calendar 2022 to enable the church to embrace a future that goes deeper with Jesus, wider in the kingdom, and closer in community.

Can you explain the value of hiring a company to facilitate a capital campaign?

Conducting a capital campaign of the magnitude we envision is a complicated process that consists of a series of carefully planned and executed steps.

Though we remember with gratitude the success of our 2014 Mountain Movers effort, we believe that for this campaign it is wise to seek professional counsel.

A professional stewardship consultant offers experience, influence, time, and a proven plan that can help a church maximize the results of the Appeal, while minimizing pressure on the congregation.

We are pleased that The James Company celebrates our expression of mission and vision. These experts will ensure that our capital campaign is truly a project done by our people, for "the ones already here, and the ones on the way."

How can I help?

Pray! Write your prayers on a piece of paper, roll them up and place in the Prayer Wall in the Link at Hope Church. We are aiming to have 1,000 prayers written during the month of March. We also have a card to help direct your daily prayers that can be picked up in the Link.

Questions and suggestions can be directed to: property@hope-pc.org.

