

February 26, 2016

Dear Friends of Virginia Beach United Methodist Church:

I am writing to provide you an update on the Second Century Committee's (SCC) planning efforts for our facilities and to invite you to participate in small group discussions regarding the building plans.

On January 13, 2016, the SCC and our architect presented the building plans to the congregation during a Town Hall meeting. The presentation was well attended and was followed by a question and answer period. During the presentation, we encouraged the congregation to submit comments and questions in writing, electronically or by phone. Comment forms remain available on the website and at the Welcome Desk. We thank everyone who has taken the time to contact us with their thoughts and suggestions and continue to welcome additional feedback. In order to address the major questions, the SCC has developed the enclosed "Frequently Asked Questions" which have also been posted on our website. We hope that this document will be informative to you.

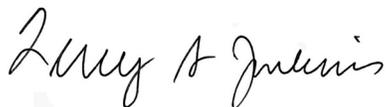
As we have considered all of the questions and comments, we concluded that it would be beneficial for the SCC to sponsor small group discussions regarding the building plans. We are a diverse congregation with different perspectives about priorities and preferences. Small groups would offer the opportunity to talk about the plans in more detail, help build consensus and discuss feedback regarding potential plan improvements. Please consider attending one of the following group discussions which will be held in room N206. **Seating is limited per session; please register your attendance by calling the church front desk, 428-7727, or by registering online ([vbumc.org](http://vbumc.org), about us tab, Second Century Committee).**

Sunday, March 13	11:00am – 12noon
Monday, March 14	9:30am – 10:30am and 6:30pm – 7:30pm
Wednesday, March 16	5:30 pm – 6:30 pm and 7:00pm – 8:00pm
Thursday, March 17	9:30am – 10:30am
Sunday, April 3	11:00am – 12noon
Wednesday, April 6	5:30pm – 6:30pm and 7:00pm – 8:00pm
Thursday, April 7	9:30am – 10:30am

Following the small group discussions, we will consider the feedback and make appropriate changes to the plan for the congregation's review. We will begin the financial campaign when we believe the congregation has reached a consensus on the plans. In the meantime, we will continue to publish the minutes from our monthly meetings on the website.

In conclusion, we hope that the enclosed FAQs are helpful and encourage you to participate in the small group discussion opportunities. We ask that you continue to pray that God will lead our church so that we may be the light that He has called us to be. We look forward to seeing you during the upcoming group discussions and remain available to talk with you by phone, by email or in person. Feel free to contact me at (757) 301-2382 or at [ljenkins37@cox.net](mailto:ljenkins37@cox.net).

Thank you and God bless.



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