
Virginia Beach United Methodist Building Project
Frequently Asked Questions – May 2018

1. How does the building project help enable us to fulfill our mission of making **Disciples for Jesus Christ**?
The new design improves both functionality of the space and enhances its aesthetic appeal. By doing so, our ministries and worship will be more effective, current members will enjoy the new space, and our **facility** will be more appealing to potential to new members. Specifically, the new space:
 - a. Expands our ministry space with construction of kitchen, larger multipurpose room, gathering area, and storage.
 - b. Provides for an expanded chapel, new youth space in the south wing, classroom space for adults and allows us to ensure the safety of our children by locating all of our children's activities on the third floor of the south wing.
 - c. Reduces time and costs associated with operations and maintenance.
 - d. Creates an attractive and welcoming new entrance into the north wing from the parking lot.
2. What is the estimated cost of the project?
Including construction, architectural fees, site engineering costs, and furnishings including new kitchen appliances, we estimate the cost to be \$5.5 million.
3. How will we pay for the project?
Based on capital campaign receipts, pledges and parking lot funds, we have designated \$4.7 million for the project. We will obtain a construction loan in early 2019 to pay for the difference. The construction loan will convert to a 20 year loan which will be paid with parking revenue.
4. Why don't we renovate the existing space instead of paying for new construction?
At the request of the **2nd Century Committee (SCC)**, our architects have evaluated the renovation option and concluded that given the age of the building and degraded status of the space, the cost to renovate (with no increase in space) would exceed \$4.5 million.
5. Why isn't there a floor above the new multipurpose room?
While we had originally hoped to build an additional floor, the resources needed to construct this space as a shell approximate \$1.5 million. The SCC does not recommend we pursue this option.
6. How much new space will we gain with the building project?
The building project will add 4,000 sq. ft. of new space. Additionally we will have much more functional space including a gathering area outside of the sanctuary that will connect with a larger multipurpose room and a kitchen with improved layout. This will allow our congregation to enjoy large events such as dinners, performances, and receptions. But equally importantly, new construction allows us to upgrade our mechanical systems which will extend the life of the building and produce efficiencies associated with HVAC and roofing. We will be able to incorporate security systems and information technology that will strengthen our ministry and address safety concerns.

Please join us for upcoming Town Hall Meetings to discuss this information and much more with our architects and the 2nd Century Committee! All are welcome to attend, and child care will be provided.

The dates for the meetings to be held in the sanctuary are:

May 29 at 6:30 pm
June 10 at 5:00 pm