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A PLACE FOR ALL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

After months of careful planning and prioritizing, our renovation/construction project is finally under way. At its December meeting, the Session approved entering into a contract with Lakewood Construction for an amount not to exceed \$1,291,808.

This will allow us to implement the base project described in the blue “A Place for All” capital campaign booklet plus the other 3 priorities described there. In other words:

Base project (Priority 1)

- New accessible north entrance with airlock and exterior canopy for sheltered drop-off
- Coat room at the north entrance
- Enhanced narthex with new furnishings, carpet and paint
- 10-12 person elevator to lower level and main floor, access ramp to improve access to the chancel and the choir loft
- Open stairwell to lower level at the south entrance with new windows on exterior wall
- Enhanced security and technology
- Arts and worship room—room for choir robes and sink for communion prep
- Fresh finishes including new carpet and paint in upper/main level renovated areas
- Improved accessibility and baby changing facilities at the Main Level Family Toilet Room

Priority 2

- Worship Centers relocated to be all together in the lower level
- New furnishings and finishes including ceiling grid and tiles, lighting, paint, and floor coverings
- New operable partition

Priority 3

- Renovated Fellowship Hall with loop system
- New flooring with prayer labyrinth
- New lighting and ceiling grid and tiles
- Fresh paint

Priority 4

New Family Restroom in lower level with accessible toilet, shower, washer and dryer

Construction will begin inside on the lower level in mid February and the new north entrance, etc. will be initiated in the Spring (exact date yet to be determined).

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By delaying the start of the project and modifying some of our plans (for example eliminating the lift and replacing it with a ramp in the Sanctuary to enhance access to the chancel) we were able to reduce the cost of the project by approximately \$127,000.

Along with the capital campaign costs and the interest on the construction loan, we expect that the total expense for this project will be approximately \$1.4 million. Pledges to date on our capital campaign total approximately \$1.1 million, leaving a gap of roughly \$300,000.

While we will ultimately need to decide how we will cover that gap, that's not a decision we need to make right now. Here are some of the options for covering the gap—and they are not mutually exclusive.

- We receive additional pledges for the capital campaign—either from new members or increased pledges from current members.
- We carry a mortgage for the remaining gap—this could either be a long term mortgage (20 years) or short term (3-5 years).
- We conduct another capital campaign at some point after the expiration/completion of the current 3 year campaign.

We rejoice together that we are moving forward to enhance the safety, accessibility and functionality of our facility to support both our members and our community.

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