

Vision 21 Building Committee 2006 Annual Report

Work during 2006 was dominated by our efforts to gain Fairfax County approval for our new Special Use Permit. The process, begun in January with the submission of our required documents, was not completed until August. There were many negotiations with the County staff, but the result was positive, with approval of all plans for the Day School, playground, parking areas, and landscaping.

Once the Special Use Permit was approved, church architects Kuntz and Associates began the process of developing the site plans for the next phase of Fairfax County permitting. Those documents will be submitted in late January, and we are hoping for county approval in 2-3 months. Also in development are the construction documents—a significant effort that will incorporate all of the final design features. Assuming all goes well, we could be ready for considering construction bids sometime in June or July. That may allow a construction start sometime in August, 2007.

A Transition Committee, under Greg Scott's leadership, has been working to develop a plan for maintaining church activities and schedules during the construction phase. Current plans call for housing the Day School in the downstairs areas of the Sanctuary and the Friendship Room, doubling up for Church School rooms. The Sanctuary may need to see multiple use, as a potential space for adult Church School as well as choir rehearsal between Church School and Worship. The Dickson Room will be used by many programs, including the Day School. Tammy Moloy has been seeking homes for some of the books, toys, etc., that need to be stored during construction, with limited success. If you can contribute in this way, please let Tammy or a committee member know.

The Building Fund continues to grow as members fulfill their pledges. Since 2005, the Stewardship Campaign has raised over \$750,000, which has paid all our engineering and architectural design fees and resulted in the current balance of over \$500,000. As we get nearer to contracting, it is doubly important that we maintain our pledges and build the fund as rapidly as possible. The Building Stewardship Committee is planning a follow-up campaign in early 2007 to reach out to new members and others that are not now participating. We have submitted an application to Burke & Herbert and other financial institutions, including the Presbyterian Investment and Funding Program, for construction financing but have not made any arrangements at this time.

The work of the committee in 2007 will be focused on the design details until the construction documents are complete; then attention will shift to the bidding and award process.