

## Building Committee Update – November 17, 2007

We continue to work with Fairfax County and VDOT in the attempt to get our site plan approved. It is neither an easy nor speedy process, obviously.

We obtained approval of the waiver request on the front sidewalk. It was fairly easy once the newly-paved section from Cannon Lane to Mark Twain was shown to be the same width as our existing sidewalk. Sadly, however, we had to pay a \$690 waiver fee to file the waiver request, so that episode ends up costing us nonetheless.

VDOT has not accepted the proposed Jane Way street entrances to the north rear side of the site due to concerns about vision clearances. Fred has submitted several alternatives to VDOT, but none have been approved. While we have received the support of one of the VDOT reviewers, they have indicated that this would require another waiver, which could mean another 6-9 month delay while it works its way to Richmond and back. All of this controversy has necessitated additional engineering surveys, along with expanded costs.

In spite of the delays and frustrations, our engineers feel our site plan will eventually be approved, but it could be another several months to a year before the final.

In light of these delays, we have decided to hold off on the external audit of the church's books until after the 2007 year is completed. This audit will be required by the bank as part of the financing package, but there's no need to get it yet.

The Building Fund continues to grow, spite of the ongoing expenses associated with design and engineering. It now stands at about \$661,000. Since 2005, we have raised about \$1,126,000 and spent about \$465,000 to move the project ahead. As the current 3-year stewardship campaign winds down in 2008, the Committee is planning work to re-engage the congregation in a second stewardship campaign that will run 2009-2011.