

## **Building Committee Update – May 2009**

The architectural and engineering work on the building renovation has been proceeding since we got site plan approval in November, and we submitted our building permit application to Fairfax County on April 28. We have no idea how long this process may take. Their instructions say 2 months, but that's probably much too optimistic. At any rate, this is our final hurdle with Fairfax County; and, if it is approved, we should be ready to seek construction bids soon.

We've begun phase 2 of our Building Campaign this month, and appreciate all those that have volunteered to help. We're often asked why we are trying to continue to raise funds in these difficult economic times. The answer is that this is what we must continue to do if we are going to realize the vision we have long held for the church. It's not easy now, we know. But there are some interesting opportunities, as well. We don't know why we were so frustratingly delayed for 2 years with Fairfax County, but construction costs have gone down significantly in recent months. Maybe we've been blessed by this delay!! We won't know until we see the bids, but we're hoping for the best. In the meantime, we really appreciate the congregation for its patient and loyal support.

It has been a long, tedious process. But let's continue to pray and seek God's leading in this campaign.

In His Service,  
Neil Sampson