

A Church for EveryBody

First Parish Accessibility Project



Campaign and Construction Update

The Church for EveryBody (CFE) Accessibility Project helps First Parish solve an almost two-century old lack-of-access problem by providing universal access, both physical and virtual, to all of our highly used public areas.

As we enter the second year of our five-year, CFE fundraising effort, we thank all who have contributed or pledged to our campaign so far and hope that those who have not yet given or pledged to this transformational project will consider doing so. Your CFE Project Team is excited to announce that **our original \$1,200,000 goal has been met!** This is amazing! Thank you! Without you this would not have been possible!

Our task continues however. The Team has calculated that we still need to raise \$150,000 to complete our full list of improvements. We know we can get there! If you have already made a gift to the campaign or have made a pledge to be paid over time, please consider an additional commitment to the Church for EveryBody. If you have not yet given or are new to First Parish please consider adding your family's name to our list of contributors. Our hope is to have 100% participation from Members and friends!

Construction of the structure that will house our Plaza entrance and new elevator and egress stairs is well underway. Please take a look at the work being done if you visit our church or are nearby. Other needs that will be addressed in the coming months include major renovations to our ground level kitchen, Community Room and rest rooms, the construction of a fully accessible restroom and shower in the Parish Hall, and significant improvements that will address the needs of the visually and hearing impaired who visit our historic church or who wish to attend service and other church-sponsored events via the internet. We will also make changes to our Memorial Garden that will enable all to access and enjoy this wonderfully peaceful setting in the "heart of our city."

With our CFE Accessibility Project we have an exciting opportunity to create a legacy that will endure for generations to come! For more information, please email the CFE Project Team at CFE@firstparishportland.org.

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