

Growing Grace Facility Renovation

Since 2019, the Trustees of Grace and then the Stewardship of Resources Committee (SORC) have been refining a renovation plan for the Grace Church facility. The project focuses on improvements to gathering spaces, building circulation, restrooms, and an improved entry experience for all through a consolidated administrative suite and a secure, distinct entrance to Grace Preschool. Grace has contracted with Ziger Snead Architects and Lewis Construction company on this project.



The Renovation will include:



The relocation and consolidation of main office spaces adjacent to the main entrance.



A reconfigured gathering space outside the sanctuary, spanning from the entrance to the parlor, creating a welcoming space and enhanced opportunities for community building.



Expanded and accessible bathrooms, including a new bathroom off the sanctuary in the narthex.



Upgrades to the aging heating and cooling system for the entire building, improving temperature control, addressing moisture issues, and improving energy efficiency.



A distinct entrance to Grace Preschool, improving security and traffic flow for all.



Through a feasibility study done in 2023, the congregation responded favorably to the proposed plans in a series of in-person and virtual meetings. Following approval of the renovation plans by the SORC in 2024, the Church Council received their recommendation and affirmed the plan.

The renovation cost is projected to be \$7.5 million. The project will be funded by monies raised through the capital campaign and income from Grace's endowed funds. The 2023 capital campaign raised just under \$1 million. The SORC, Investment Advisory Board, and our investment management firm carefully reviewed our endowed funds and allocated the remaining \$6 million to this project, affirming that this allocation does not detract from the principle of the endowed funds or hinder our capacity to continue funding other church needs now or in the future.