

St Martin's is in the early planning stages of a capital campaign.

The project involves

- new heating and the addition of air conditioning for the church sanctuary
- an elevator to go up to the sanctuary or down to the basement (undercroft) in the entryway (narthex)
- stairs going down to the undercroft in the narthex
- renovating the undercroft to be usable space for Sunday School and other groups
- air conditioning and renovating the parish hall
- renovating the first floor bathroom in the parish house

We have architectural drawings done by AOS Architects for these projects. As part of our planning, we asked AOS and Delran to give us updated cost estimates. Two years ago, we had estimates that had not been bid out and did not include the elevator or stairs. Not surprisingly then, the recent estimates came back much higher than those previous numbers.

The numbers Delran came back with are

- 3.22 Million for the sanctuary and undercroft
- 1.2 M for the parish hall and bathroom
- 4.42 M total, not including our costs for the campaign and finishing items

We don't have details on these numbers yet. I'm sure you have many questions as you look at them, because so does the Capital Campaign team. We will be meeting with Delran and AOS in August to get the full report, and vestry will be meeting with them in September. I'll share what we find.

We are also meeting with potential campaign consultants, who would help us work with donors and plan the campaign to raise the needed funds for the project. I am very thankful for the diligent work of the Campaign team during these summer weeks! **Thanks to Debra Roberts, Victoria Sicks, Gene Dilks, Al Good, Dani Reed, Paula Wineland, Garry Duncan, and Tom Sibson.**

This project is about hospitality -- safety, inclusion, and comfort for our members, for guests at weddings, funerals, and events, for our partners who regularly use the sanctuary and parish hall. It will give us much more meeting space and reclaim the undercroft.

The numbers are daunting. But we don't need to panic or look away. We are going to proceed step by step, following our consultants and listening to the movements of the Spirit. And we will need everyone's questions and input along the way.

Feel free to reach out to me if you want to know more!

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