

Noroton Presbyterian Church

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Fall 2014

Dear Church Family,

All around the town folks are asking me, “*What is going on at your church?*” Are you getting that question too?

The *Foundations for the Future* project is now too big to hide -- and it is certainly creating curiosity. The enclosed report will bring you up to date with our latest developments, including a road map for the months ahead. Please look it over and know that our final inconveniences this year will build a very well laid out and useful church home for decades to come.

We are so grateful for all the generous gifts that have already blessed our mission partners around the world and will soon bless families, members, and ministries here. Our report will show you that we have already received 80% of our pledges. Thank you for your faithfulness to fulfill your pledge as soon as you can.

We still have some unfinished projects (like air conditioning for the Sanctuary and Horton Hall) and could use any extra gifts members may wish to add to our efforts. Even if you did not pledge to the campaign, designated gifts, beyond our regular contributions to carry on the work of the church, can still be made to Noroton’s *Foundation for the Future* fund. Please prayerfully play a part in making a difference now and for the years to come.

To God be the Glory,

Pastor Sam



The Visible, and the Necessary ...

September 2014 Update

As our church family returns to our Fall schedule, some things will be noticeably different. Our *Foundations for the Future* site/building project work is in full swing. Our Properties Team and Building Team have been hard at work 'choreographing' the timelines between construction project readiness and ministry needs on site.

While we are temporarily inconvenienced, we wanted to RECAP:

- where we started (our goals)
- what's been done (progress-to-date)
- what remains (projected timeline to completion)

We are making great progress, and keeping a good pace following our master plan. And, we have been able to run a very active ministry during construction.

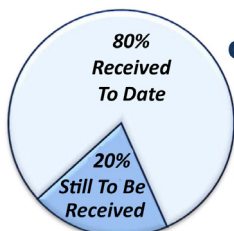
Construction is messy, and often disrupts what we've become accustomed to in terms of ease and access. The team has tried to minimize inconvenience by scheduling the massive core building dismantling and parking lot re-grading/asphalting during the summer months - when we worshiped on the beach and our Nursery School was in recess in July.

We are most appreciative of our patient, understanding, and giving congregation, as well as our understanding neighbors during this process.



\$13.6 Million Pledged

■ Pledges To Go □ Received to date



**Gifts received
As of
9/18/2014:
\$ 10,875,000**



As you review this update, please keep in mind the goals we set out to accomplish.



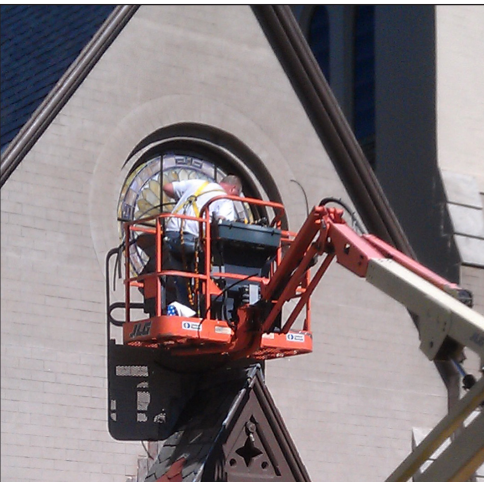
Centralized one level entry/exit to and from the wide variety of ministry offerings:

- Adults and youth/children dispersing from the center core to their respective activities.
- Post worship service fellowship and child pick up en-route to parking.
- Staff (pastors, ministry directors, business, admin) operating in adjacent environments, building regular community and efficient intra-department interaction.
- Student/youth ministry offices in main building.
- Improved music ministry space, for rehearsal and performance.



Improved safety for our youngest and oldest:

- To/from the parking lot.
- Secure, and separate, entrances for our Nursery School and Tot Drop parents/children.
- Same level entry to the sanctuary and Parlor, with at-door drop off and additional handicapped or elderly parking spots closer to the doors.
- Elimination and abatement of all asbestos and lead paint.



Expanded meeting space:

- For our weekday ministry programs.
- For Sunday school classes.
- For Nursery School and Tot Drop classrooms.
- For Mission opportunities.

Utilities upgraded to accommodate current/future usage:

See "Repairs and Improvements" (*next page*)

Chapel Improvements:

- 'Re-leaded' stained glass windows.
- Extensive roofing repairs.
- New electrical wiring.
- Updated sound system.
- Installation of a new organ.
- Return of balcony seating.

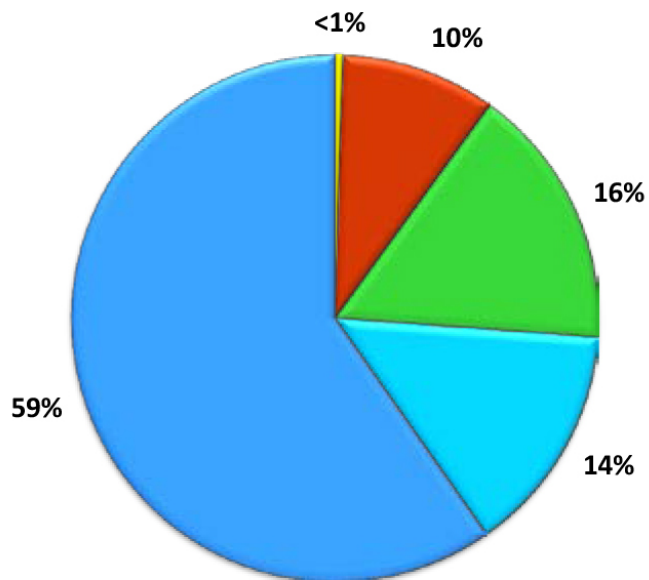
Sharing resources with our mission partners.

- 10% commitment to spread the gospel.



How are Funds being spent?

Foundations for the Future Fund Allocation



■ Campaign & Contribution Costs

■ Mission Grants

10% Allocation to Mission Grants

■ Repairs & Improvements

Windows, Sound System, Electrical System

■ Professional Fees/Permits

See below

■ Construction Phase I

Site Work, Center Core Construction and Children's Education Wing

Repairs and Improvements

Our Properties Team has been astute in using this construction phase to make sure all of our building spaces/utilities are prepped for the future, as well as implementing some very overdue repairs to our facility.

Significant reduction to current and future expenses include:

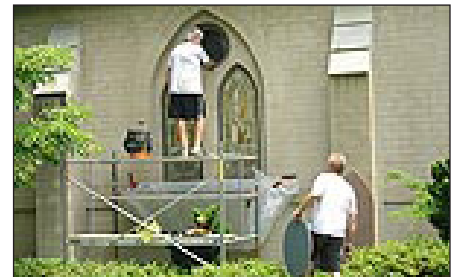
- Fuel savings: replacing oil heat with natural gas.
- Improving cooling systems and efficiency of our sewer systems.
- Water line and drainage improvements.
- New adult restrooms in the CE wing.
- Upgrading wiring and sound/AV systems for the Sanctuary/core building/ CE wing.
- Adding a new high-capacity generator electrical system (which ensures NPC can ALWAYS provide care and shelter to those in need during an area emergency).
- Window upgrading/repair for WHOLE building ... Sanctuary/Horton Hall and CE wing alike.

Professional fees

(Necessary, and 'visible' only to the Building and Properties Teams!) Preliminary drawings, architects; civil, mechanical, and structural engineers; attorneys; owner's rep; permits & approval process.

Building Core Construction

Session approved a Guaranteed Maximum Contract with A. Pappajohn Co. for Phase I of construction.



If additional gifts/contributions of \$500,000 are received, our contract can be amended to include air conditioning for the Sanctuary and Horton Hall.

Mission Giving – 10% off-the-top commitment, to continue our mission of spreading the gospel.

Building Christ’s Kingdom, at Home and Abroad *(Foundations for the Future Grants)*

To date, contributions have been committed to the following:

- Pivot House – vans, kitchen, furnace
- Forman Christian College (Pakistan) - Mercy Health Center and Women’s Hostel furnishing
- Planting InterVarsity Chapters (CT)- Trinity and Connecticut College
- Cabwaylingo Multi-use Community Center (West Virginia)
- International Scholarships: Dominican Republic (Law); Tanzania (Psychology/Counseling); Jordan (Business); Brazil (Nutrition); Kenya (Teaching), Gaza (Dentistry)
- Nambale Magnet School (Kenya) - a dormitory for middle school students before the 2015 school year
- Macedonia – remodeling funds for newly purchased church building, fulfilling long-term dream
- City of Hope - Dormitory
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes to support CT launch
- Foundation for Peace (Dominican Republic) - Renovations to Mission house



Pivot House Vans



Forman Christian College
Mercy Health Center



InterVarsity



Cabwaylingo Community Center



Mareena Tarzi (Gaza)
Scholarship Dentistry

Joyce Aoko Aruga (Kenya)
Scholarship Teaching



Pivot Ministries Kitchen



Nambale Magnet School
Dormitory

Total Mission Giving will continue as % of total as/if funds continue to be received.

Importantly ... NPC has been able to DONATE used equipment to our ministry partners! Besides improving our own capacity/resource, the Building Team has been diligent in seeking ways to help our partners throughout the building process.



Macedonia Church
New Building

What's been accomplished to-date?

Summer 2014:

- ✓ Construction of interim playground.
- ✓ Contractor approval and contract negotiation.
- ✓ Center core building demolition.
- ✓ Site grading, drainage and parking lot prep.
- ✓ CE Wing structural improvements – new Tot Drop (North) Entrance and Tot Drop office.
- ✓ Chapel slate roof – new slate on East side, including 'snow guards'.
- ✓ Building excavation and foundation, anchored with *your* Prayer Stones.
- ✓ Steel beam structure built.
- ✓ Building of Noroton Avenue section of parking lot.

Much progress has been made.

Significant upgrading to the CE Wing to improve the use of the space. NPNS and Tot Drop Directors' offices have been relocated to allow monitoring of the traffic flow. Separate entrances on respective floors will enhance security for our littlest ones.

Steel footings for the core building site were poured in August, incorporating YOUR prayer stones representing the multitude of prayers over this building project since its inception in 2012.

Steel beams are now in place, framing the infrastructure of the core building.



What's on the horizon?

While flexibility is the watchword for all major construction projects, here's what we anticipate will be happening over the upcoming months:

Fall 2014:

- Reopening the "new" upper level parking lot and Noroton Avenue entrance completely paved with lights, and landscaping.
- Construction of new center core exterior walls.
- Construction of the retaining wall (boundary of new green space & playground).

Winter 2014: Completion of the chapel renovations

- Installation of a new digital organ.
- "Reclaiming" the balcony for seating.
- Stained glass rose window exposure.

Spring 2015:

- Playground development for our Nursery School and Tot Drop programs. The grounds will also accommodate secondary (adult usage) programs in a beautiful outdoors environment.

Summer 2015: Relocation back to the new facility.

Fall 2015: *CELEBRATION!!* Praise God!



To God be the glory,

Pastor Samuel A. Schreiner III

Jean Ann & Dick Bollman/ Tom Taylor
Foundations Progress Team