Frequently Asked Questions

**Why are we doing this now?**
We are doing this now in response to God’s blessings at Epiphany. We want to provide a place of welcome that will support our ongoing efforts to be servants for God, our parish, and our community. Those who had a vision for Epiphany 40 years ago laid the foundation for all the good things that have happened here since then. Our campus needs to be updated to meet the demands of our parish and to provide for the vision of the future of the Church of the Epiphany.

**How was the Master Plan developed?**
The Master Plan was developed by a committee of Epiphany parishioners who are knowledgeable about building design and construction—architects, engineers, Senior Warden Bruce MacPherson, Junior Wardens Gordon Collins and Don Ramsey, and Fr. Bill Cavanaugh. The plan incorporated responses from a parish-wide survey that was done in 2012. The plan was presented to and endorsed by the members of our Vestry.

**How long will the entire project take?**
We estimate that Phase I will take up to 2 years to complete and that all four phases of the building project may take ten years to complete.

**What is the total cost of the project?**
The total budget for Phase I is estimated at $3 million with all four phases estimated at $8 Million.

**Will the garden or playground be affected?**
There are no changes planned for the garden. The playground may need to be repositioned slightly, but no final decision has been made about that.

**Will the elevator be for all or just the choir?**
The elevator is for everyone.

**What changes will be made to the sacristy?**
The sacristies for clergy, the altar party, the altar guild, and the flower guild will be moved or enlarged to make them more accessible.

**Will the new building be taller than the church?**
The new building will not look down on the church. It will be approximately the same height as the church, with the third floor being reserved for future needs.

**What if we don’t raise enough money to meet the goal?**
In each phase of the project, we will not move forward until there has been a successful capital campaign for that phase.

**What if we raise more money than the goal?**
If we raise more than the $3 million budgeted for phase 1, we will be able to consider adding some of the phase 2 elements earlier than originally expected.

**Where can I see the plans for the building?**
I am not sure what is going where? At this point, we have renderings of the Master Plan, or vision for the project, but no exact floor plans as yet. More specific decisions will be made after the capital campaign is complete, and an architect has been selected.

**Are there guidelines for giving?**
This is a personal decision. The amount to give is over and above your regular church giving. Please prayerfully consider this decision and give what you are able.
When do we hire an architect?
Following the capital campaign, the Vestry will appoint a Building Committee that will go through a selection process for an architect. This committee will recommend a candidate to the Vestry, which will make the final selection.

When do we break ground?
Following a successful capital campaign and the selection of an architect and general contractor, we will be ready to start moving dirt. We anticipate that this will take between 9-12 months.

How are we going to fund phase 1?
Phase 1 will be funded by a combination of pledges and borrowed money. Since the pledge commitment is for an amount to be paid over a three-year period, we may use a construction loan to temporarily finance the project as pledge payments are received.

How do we expect to still be raising money for phase 3 or 4?
It is all based on your response. No decisions will be made until funds are committed for each phase of the project. We anticipate that Epiphany will continue to grow and impact our community throughout our building program. We ask everyone to pray for God's continued blessing as we seek to do His work in the world. We expect to see evidence of renewal and response to the building program which will lead to the financial resources needed to complete the project.

Where are we going to park?
For the most part, we will be parking in the same places as we do now. In Phase 1, there will be four additional spaces near the new entrance facing Custer Road and in Phase 4, an additional parking lot will be added on Greenleaf Drive.

Why do we have to demolish Founder’s Hall East and the Music/Nursery building?
The new administration building will overlap with Founder’s Hall East, so the plan includes making room for the new building by demolishing Founder’s Hall East. In addition, the new building will be several feet higher than Founder’s Hall East. The Music/Nursery building will be replaced with the central garden space.

Will any other buildings be demolished?
We intend to keep as much of the existing buildings as possible, but in order to make room for improved spaces, the current Master Plan states that Founder’s Hall East, the current music/nursery, bookstore/chapel and Founder’s Hall West eventually must be demolished.

Will there be any other opportunities to give input or ask questions?
Yes. Final plans for the project will not be put in place until a successful capital campaign has been completed and an architect has been selected. The architect will also solicit information and feedback from the parish before beginning to draw detailed plans.

If you want to submit questions, please direct them to onward@epiphany-richardson.org or contact any of the following:

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