



## THE WAIT IS ALMOST OVER!

For several years, our congregation and church leadership have been exploring needed renovations to our church home. Goals of sustainability, community outreach, energy efficiency, and hospitality were established. Options were assessed, considered, and studied. Plans have been created, reviewed, modified, and revised numerous times. Now, we are almost ready to start construction.

## TIMETABLE

- **November 18, 2016** – Construction budget presented to Renovations Committee.
- **January 15, 2017** – Final construction drawings submitted for approval.
- **January 31, 2017** – Contract, scope, and budget presented to Session for approval.
- **March 28, 2017** – Construction begins (earliest start date).

**Continue to keep this important work—and those involved—in your thoughts and prayers. We are preserving our church's past while serving the needs of the community today and improving upon the ministries we can offer tomorrow. We look expectantly toward the completion of this work in 2018 and the celebration of ELPC's 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in May 2019.**

## CAMPAIGN PRAYER

Gracious God, in Christ Jesus you came and dwelt among us—  
You, who first fashioned all things;  
You, who knows us completely and offers us assurance, peace and hope;  
You, whose daily guidance is our strength and comfort.

We thank you for the church universal and for the congregation of East Liberty Presbyterian Church—  
For times of worship and reflection;  
For gatherings, lessons, and prayers;  
For a welcome extended to all people and a gospel large enough to touch every heart.

Though no building can contain your glory or capture the wonders of your love, we give you thanks for the house of worship entrusted to our care and for the congregation that meets within its walls. As we make plans for renovations and improvements, may your Holy Spirit bless our efforts. Let us honor the legacy of those who have gone before us, walk humbly with those beside us, and faithfully prepare a place for generations yet to come—that by our work today we may truly build for the future.

Through Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, Creator God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*For more information, please see our full-length "Building Our Future" campaign brochure and pledge card available at [www.ELPC.church](http://www.ELPC.church).*



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## RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATE

Fall/Winter 2016



## FINAL FOCUS OF THE RENOVATION PROJECT

Recognizing that not everything on our “dream list” would fit into our \$6 million budget, hard choices have been made to create a plan that prioritizes the changes with the biggest long-term impact, while meeting the most immediate needs of our congregation and community. The upcoming renovations will focus on:

### Updates to the energy systems and improvements for energy conservation

- Updated fans, blowers, furnaces, lighting, and bathroom fixtures are projected to save ELPC more than \$1 million over 20 years.

### Welcome and access areas

- A new, fully accessible entrance will be created on the Whitfield Street side of the church.
- Glass doors will be added at the Highland Avenue, Penn Avenue, and Whitfield Street entrances.
- Enhanced exterior lighting will be added around the entire building.

### First floor hospitality and fellowship space

- Four new community spaces will be created.
- Restrooms will be updated and made ADA-compliant.
- Most offices will be relocated to allow for more community space.

### Ground floor assembly, education, and gathering spaces

- New interior lobby and administrative space will be provided in the ground floor corridor.
- A dance studio will be created and improvements will be made to hospitality areas.
- Upgrades will be made to the Social Hall and other meeting spaces.

### Second floor education and youth programming

- Renovations and upgrades to classrooms will be made, including relocating offices and workroom.
- ADA-compliant restrooms will be created.

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY TO DATE

### Since the summer of 2014, much has been accomplished:

- We met and exceeded our initial congregational goal of \$2,250,000, receiving pledges of almost \$2,300,000.
- We have set an updated congregational goal of an additional 10% (or \$230,000) by mid-2017.
- We have received grants and commitments from 8 foundations totaling \$2,050,000.
- We will continue in 2017–2018 to seek additional foundation support, targeting grants of another \$1–\$1.5 million.

## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

The Session and Renovations Committee have hired an owner’s representative, who serves as our liaison between the architects and the general contractor. Final construction documents are being prepared and are on schedule to be completed by January 15, 2017, with submission thereafter for subcontractor bids. Pending the final approval from Session for the scope, contracts, and budget related to this renovation work, construction could begin as early as March 28, 2017, and will continue for a minimum of 12 months.

## COMING SOON...

