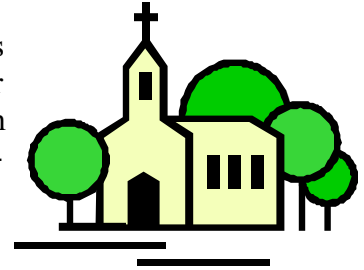


Building for our Ministries

The concept of a “tipping point” has become popular in recent years. While its exact meaning may be somewhat unclear, at least it is to me, what IS quite clear is that St. Chad’s Building Program has come to a very important point – both in terms of the preliminary design concept and in terms of funding the facility expansion.



With Vestry concurrence, BC3 will host a congregational meeting on February 10th. At that time, we will display our current thinking about how the new building will look. With the assistance of our architects, Fanning Bard Tatum, we will present the site plan, floor plan, and elevations (side views) for your review and comment. BC3 is very excited about the design that is emerging, and we hope that you will be, too.

Although BC3 has worked very hard to design a facility that achieves all of the preliminary design requirements – which, as you recall, emerged directly from the “town hall” meetings at which you told us which ministries were most important in designing the new facilities — what will be displayed is not yet final. In that connection, your feedback on what will be presented will also be very important to us as we continue to refine the design and flesh out the multitude of design details yet to be decided.

February 10th will also be the Kickoff of the Pledge Drive for the Building Program — you should already have received your personal invitation in the mail. There is no alternative to relying on individual pledges as a very important basis for funding the expansion and your generous support will help make the new facilities, and the expanded ministries they will allow, a reality.

More than just a request for financial support, however, the Kickoff on February 10th will be a celebration of St. Chad’s growth and opportunities for furthering our ministries through expanded facilities. As designed by Jan Kingsbury’s sub-committee, the Kickoff Fiesta will be from 4:00-6:00 pm, with special hors d’oeuvres and beverages, and classical guitar background music. Our architects, Bill Fanning, Sanjay Engineer, and Ryan Parks, will describe the various features of the new facilities and how they can achieve our design goals and requirements.

Following that, we will describe the Pledge Drive process, and each parish family will be given a packet of materials to take home to help them decide how to pledge their support and treasure to the Building Program. Because the Building Program will not be completed until 2010, you will be asked to identify the amount of your pledge for 2008, 2009, and 2010. Any contribution you might have made in 2007 will also be credited toward the pledge that you make.

Parishioners will be asked to return their filled-in pledge card no later than February 24th, and the pledges will be blessed by Father Brian on March 2nd. Later, the pledge cards will be returned to you as a reminder of your 3-year pledge. Please put the Kickoff celebration on your calendar for February 10th and plan on joining us for this exciting celebration, unveiling, and opportunity for you to provide input.

Bob Gough, Chair