

FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Over the past couple of years we have been blessed with many new individuals and families who have decided to make Trinity their church home. We see this growth especially in our Church School, Nursery and in the vitality that new people bring to our parish life. It has been thrilling to see how this has been an ongoing work of the Spirit of God transforming us as a congregation in a very positive way. I also have been very encouraged by the way long-time members of Trinity have responded with generosity and heartfelt welcome to these new members.

One of the realities we are beginning to face is the limitation of our existing space. By now you should have received a letter from the Wardens and me explaining the decision of the Vestry to take the next steps toward the construction of a new Parish House facility. It is greatly needed. Our existing Parish Hall is too small for some Sunday morning Coffee Hours, and grossly inadequate to provide appropriate hospitality after large funerals. We lack meeting space - I met with a group in the Chapel a couple of Sundays ago because all meeting space was in use. Our current Parish House where the Parish Hall and offices are located is very energy inefficient and the offices are poorly laid out. The two bathrooms of the main hallway are insufficient on Sunday mornings, and do not begin to meet the needs of larger gatherings. And because of the way the hallways and entries are laid out, it is very confusing to visitors or newcomers to find their way. Our facilities are holding us back.

I shared these thoughts with a parishioner who replied with her hopes for our parish. What she states is really a vision of what we can be.

"I hope that an undertaking of this sort will bring people together for a common purpose, to build a structure to be shared and used by all to help us further God's mission in the community and the world. I hope the staff will be supported in your work by office facilities that do not hinder their progress, but actually enhance it. I hope we will be in a better position to have outside groups come in to use the facilities. I hope people with physical limitations will have an easier time of it - can you imagine making some of the required turns in your wheelchair to navigate our halls, doors, or offices? I hope the little kids get their own restrooms, and that the choir and hall restrooms won't be so crowded. I hope we can be more gracious hosts for both parish events and events to which we invite others. I hope we can have a parlor for families to use before weddings, baptisms, and funerals."

What a wonderful vision of what a new Parish House could mean for us and for those with whom we share our space.

Very soon we will be able to see models of the present and possible future facilities. I hope you will enter into this phase of our planning with enthusiasm and a willingness to share your ideas. I pray that we all might get a sense of the hoped-for goodness that will come from this.

We are embarking on a very exciting time in the life of Trinity Church. God has greatly blessed us. May we be faithful as we respond to the challenges God has placed before us.

Yours in Christ, Tony

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