

BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT – JULY 10, 2013 CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

As was stated in our June 1 Tidings article, members of the Building Committee met with the Church Location and Building Committee of the Northern Illinois Conference on May 23 to discuss CUMC's proposed building program. The meeting was very positive, and that Committee approved our preliminary plan and gave us the authority to go forward with the building program.

At its meeting on June 17, the Building Committee decided that the most desirable way to proceed would be to have one congregational meeting for the purpose of considering the design plan for our proposed renovations and a second meeting requesting authority to conduct a capital campaign. The first meeting will be held in late September focusing solely on the desirability of the renovations being proposed and what modifications, if any, the congregation would like to have made to the proposed plan. In this regard, as was also stated in the June 1 Tidings article, based on comments received from members of the congregation, the Committee is proposing that the second floor of the new addition be increased to be coextensive with the addition's first floor. This will enable the chapel area to be enlarged to accommodate both the growing Saturday evening service and also receptions of the type that are now held in the parlor. In addition, prior to the September meeting the Committee will continue to explore the possibility and cost of installing showers to serve PADSs guests and others needing shelter on an emergency basis.

After a renovation design plan is approved, the Building Committee will obtain an updated cost estimate of the agreed upon building program. In the latter part of November, a charge conference will be held to seek authorization to conduct a capital campaign.

Dale Zimmerman, Chair