

Spirit & Space Team Report – Recent Accomplishments

September 2018

The Spirit & Space Team was charged by Session to determine how we can continue to be a welcoming community by empowering the structural, visual, and practical design of the space we call our church home. We recently accomplished two (2) very important milestones, and we would like to share them with you:

- With Session approval, the Team recently decided to approach a professional consultant, Mr. Craig A. Loscalzo, Ph.D., Senior Generosity Strategist with Generis, to assess the current generosity climate here at CPC. Mr. Loscalzo made an onsite visit with Pastor Dave, other members of church staff, members of Session, members of various church ministries, lay leaders, and other members of the congregation at large, and reviewed CPC's giving history, financial statements, budget reports, and church communications. In his report he offered 1) affirmations, observations, and recommendations as to our church's opportunities for everyday generosity, 2) a determination of our readiness to conduct a building renovation program and a capital stewardship campaign, and 3) a recommended pathway for our church to move forward with these opportunities. Mr. Loscalzo's professional opinion is that CPC has the capacity to fund our vision of empowering the practical re-design of the structural and visual space we call our church home. Certainly the success with which members of our congregation met the challenge of making up for the \$34,000 shortfall in CPC's 2018/2019 general budget affirms his conclusions. At this juncture we have yet to sign a formal contract committing our church to any kind of a capital stewardship campaign.

- The Team also decided to engage the firm of Chambers, Murphy and Burge for architectural services. It is a preeminent master planning, architecture, interior design, and historic architecture firm that employs both licensed architects and licensed historic architects with offices in Akron and Cleveland. Their team of professionals has the proven capability to work with us in assessing and redesigning our church space in its context as a historic structure. Their team will employ care and concern not to disturb that space which now successfully meets our needs, but will employ creative design solutions in recommending how we can enhance our church space so as to make us a more welcoming community. We have asked what the firm needs, to begin drawing up a design proposal, but have not yet signed any commitments to them.

We will surely keep you informed of our progress. Look for additional reports in the *Tydings*, and check out our Spirit & Space link on the CPC home page for further updates.

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