

CHRIST THE KING MASTER PLAN: OVERALL GOALS AND PRIORITIES

The Building & Grounds Committee (B&G Committee) currently assists the Vestry in developing long term plans for our property. In furtherance of this task, Christ the King engaged Kerns Group Architects of Falls Church to develop a Master Plan for the renovation and expansion of our Sanctuary and indoor spaces. In working with Kerns Group, the B&G Committee has been guided by the words of Psalm 84:1: “How lovely is thy dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!” and seeks to beautify and improve both the building and the grounds to glorify God and support our many ministries.

The B&G Committee members include Elise Darden (Chair), Kirk Bereuter, Scott Mulrooney, Judi Palafoutas, Jessamine Robinson, and the Reverend Peter Schwanda.

Program Goals and Priorities

During the Master Plan process over the past eight months, the B&G Committee and Kerns Group have been guided by the following priorities and goals developed through feedback from the Christ the King congregation, from interviews with church staff, and through discussions with ministry leaders and with the Vestry:

- We seek renovations and additions that respect the existing mid-century modern church style of our building.
- We strive to maintain the appropriate balance among buildings, the parking lot, and our outdoor spaces.
- We seek to create space that welcomes and fosters hospitality and personal connections.
- We want to integrate the interior and exterior spaces—we are a church body that loves to be outside together.
- We strive to make all spaces accessible—in every sense of that word—throughout the church.

The B&G Committee believes that the Master Plan fulfills all of these goals and priorities while also meeting our many other specific needs, including (1) a need for more space for classrooms, offices, and fellowship, including a kitchen and fellowship hall; (2) a need to update building infrastructure and systems; and (3) a desire for a Sanctuary that is more conducive to Anglican liturgical worship and accommodation of our outstanding Music program.

Next Steps

On November 19 at 3 p.m. at Christ the King, the Vestry and the B&G Committee will host Tom Kerns and Sean Reilly of Kerns Group Architects to present the Master Plan to the Congregation. Kerns’ proposals will be followed by a presentation of concept designs for our outdoor spaces by Kirk Bereuter, a member at Christ the King, a B&G Committee member, and a landscape architect. *All members of the Christ the King congregation are invited and encouraged to attend this meeting.*

How can I help?

We thank everyone who has given to the Psalm 84:1 Fund (formally the 127:1 Fund), which has provided for expenses related to the many improvements and repairs we have made, as well as for architect fees during the Master Plan process. As we pivot to long-term planning and fulfillment of our Master Plan vision, we invite your continued contributions to the Fund.