

Helpful Background for Nov. 19 Presentation:

By way of reminder for most of you and by way of introduction for some, the Building & Grounds Committee—since the purchase of this building in June of 2022—has assisted the Vestry with all variety of issues relating to ownership and maintenance of our church property. The Committee spent much of 2022 addressing immediate needs, including (1) repairs both large and small, (2) getting systems up to compliance with city and state codes, (3) tackling space constraints faced by our education and formation teachers, staff, and ministry leaders, (4) improving and maintaining our outdoor spaces, and (5) finally, addressing large, necessary projects such as replacing our roof and repaving the parking lot. A complete list of all of these projects is available to you on a handout in the foyer and on the CtK website. Through all of these projects, the Building & Grounds Committee has been guided by the reverent—and for us, the aspirational words—of Psalm 84:1– “How lovely is thy dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!”

The B&G Committee was also tasked with helping the Vestry make long term plans for our property, and the Committee engaged the congregation, the staff, and numerous ministry leaders to determine the needs, desires, and hopes for our property. By the end of 2022, we realized that although our Committee is blessed with a wealth of experience and expertise in architecture and design, we would need outside expert assistance to address all of our long term goals and needs, particularly given the complexity of the project as a whole.

In March of this year, after an extensive search process, Christ the King engaged Kerns Group Architects to create a Master Plan, and the Building & Grounds Committee has been working with Kerns Group these past eight months while they developed concept designs for our property. The Master Plan is now complete, and we invite everyone in the congregation to join us on Sunday, November 19 at 3:00 in the afternoon, to hear from Kerns Group and to see their concept designs to renovate our Sanctuary, to renovate the rest of our existing building, and to expand our footprint to give us more square footage and to create space for all of our needs. Kirk Bereuter—a member at Christ the King and a Landscape Architect on the Building & Grounds Committee—will also be here on November 19 to present his concept designs for our grounds and outdoor spaces. Kirk is giving his time and expertise to develop plans for our grounds, and he has been working hand in hand with Kerns to develop his outdoor plans to harmonize with Kerns’ vision for Christ the King.

So please mark your calendar for Sunday, November 19—we host Archbishop Robert William Duncan at our morning services, and we then host Tom Kerns and Sean Reilly from Kerns Group Architects and Kirk Bereuter of Kirk Bereuter Landscape Architecture in the afternoon at 3 p.m. for a presentation to all of you. We hope you will be here for both joyous occasions both morning and afternoon—there will be childcare for small ones during the presentation at 3 p.m., and there will be time to ask questions and to talk to the architects and to Kirk. And please do not hesitate to ask any member of the Building & Grounds Committee if you have any questions about the Master Plan process that has brought us to this pivotal and very exciting moment in our church life.