



THE CHURCH OF THE  
RESURRECTION

# ESTABLISHING AN OUTPOST FOR THE GOSPEL

A six-month report since the purchase of 501 E St. SE, the home of our Gospel-centered outpost on Capitol Hill.

# OUR STORY

FROM REV. DAN CLAIRE

After seventeen years renting seven different office and church facilities, we finally purchased our own church building this past January. It is a historic property, only a quick walk from the United States Capitol, and in continuous use as a church since 1887. It is also in significant disrepair. Our vision is to renovate the building in order to maximize its use as an embassy for Christ here in Washington, DC.

During our first six months as owners, our aim has been to perform the highest priority repairs to make the space safe and hospitable for Christian ministry. This report shares how volunteers, generous givers, friends, members, and staff have rallied together to begin this exciting journey. It seeks to capture what we have achieved together thus far, and to set forth what is required to finish the job.

We are grateful to God for his generosity in making us his stewards of this strategic property. We look to Him for continued help in establishing the work of our hands.

Dan Claire, Rector

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# OUTLINE



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**Over the past six months,**  
God has provided richly for the Church of the Resurrection through volunteers, staff, and faithful givers as we have transitioned from three rented spaces to one permanent building.

## STAFF

Church staff have gone above and beyond managing the transition to our building while maintaining operations. They provided continuous weekly services for virtual and in-person ministry, while leading the church seamlessly into the new space. The staff regularly interface with our tenants, meet contractors, and handle administrative matters.



## VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers have rallied at every step, starting with a core Building Leadership Team, mobilizing hundreds of people across the Rez community to do everything from project management to painting, interior design, lighting, landscaping, grant-writing, audio-visual planning, and more. Wherever there is a need, volunteers answer the call.



## FAITHFUL GIVERS

Many faithful givers have continued to donate generously to the building fund and to the church in general. Despite the changes and uncertainties presented to our church by the pandemic and the building move, church giving is more than 10% above budget for Fiscal Year 2021. Moreover, since the acquisition, donations to the building fund have exceeded \$145,000.





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## **Looking ahead,**

Our highest priority is to fully complete the Planted Campaign to make Rez safe and hospitable for ministry right now while building towards a bigger future vision.

## THE VISION

We want to dream big about what 501 E St. SE could be at its best.

One day, perhaps, we could:

- Fully renovate the sanctuary with great aesthetic care, attention, and worshipful intention.
- Build a fully functional space in the vacant side yard, opening up new opportunities for ministry.
- Build out a functional multi-purpose space (and audio/visual capability) to accommodate more classes, concerts, events, and even conferences.
- Create spaces for hospitality and ministry (improved kitchen, possible roof deck, etc).
- Create a comprehensive plan for historical preservation and renovation.

This longer term vision reflects our desire to be faithful stewards of this Gospel-centered outpost for decades to come.

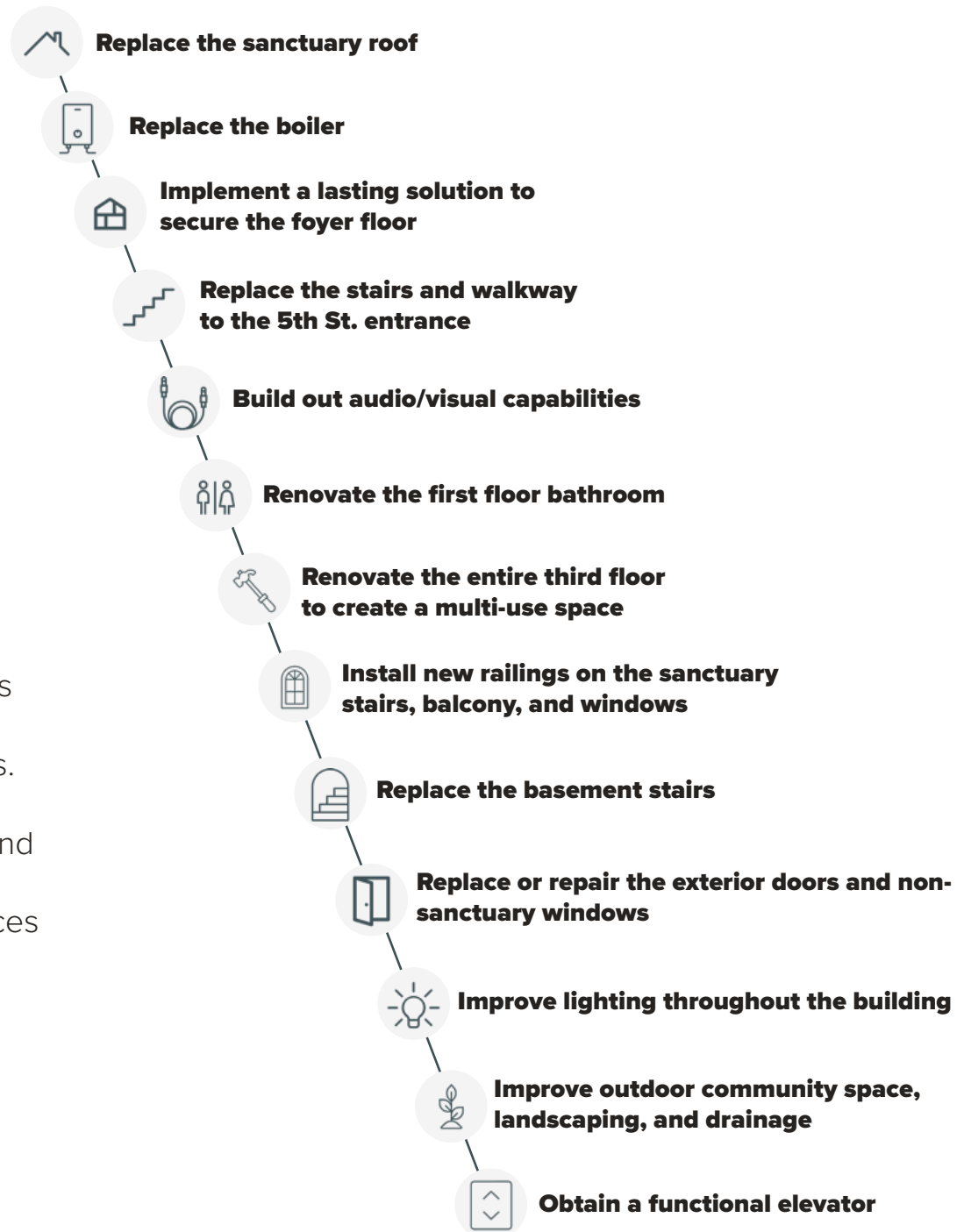
**For now our focus is** to faithfully complete the work right in front of us.



## NEAR-TERM PROJECTS

In the near-term, we are focused on the immediate renovations and repairs needed to make the space safe and hospitable for ministry use and access.

We have prioritized a list of medium and large building projects that we aim to complete as soon as we have resources and capacity to do them.







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**Here's how you can support**  
the ministry of Church of the Resurrection  
and our new-to-us space.



## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

- We have been blessed with faithful and generous givers so far, and we continue to need financial support to keep progress going.
- In June, we received a \$75,000 deposit from a grant, and we have obligated \$275,000 in repair and renovation costs. However, we remain well short of accomplishing all of what we want to do for the near-term projects identified above.
- We continue to ask our community to help us finish our Planted Campaign – which we started in 2019 to raise funds for the purchase **and renovation** of 501 E St. SE.
- Raising an additional \$350,000 will allow us to continue making priority near-term renovations.

To learn more and donate to the Building Fund, visit [rezchurch.org/give](https://rezchurch.org/give)



## VOLUNTEER SUPPORT

- Volunteer engagement has gotten us to where we are today, and we will need continued support from our volunteers, so that no one takes on more than they can handle.
- To sign up to our volunteer list, fill out this [form](#). Most of our needs are for people to manage projects that are underway, rather than hands-on work.



## PRAYER SUPPORT

- **Wisdom** to sequence, organize, and coordinate renovation projects while maintaining weekly ministry activities.
- **Stamina** and encouragement for our Building Leadership Team, volunteers, and staff who are managing a tremendous amount of work.
- **Generous and faithful givers** to bring us to our fundraising goal so that we can keep progress going.
- **Fruit** from the ministry that our space enables week to week, for more people to find encouragement, fellowship, prayer, and support at our Gospel-centered outpost.



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**Through God's grace and provision,** we have been able to achieve a great deal of progress on repairs and renovation of the church building over the past six months. The following is a list of significant accomplishments.

- 1. Sanctuary windows.** Protected historic stained-glass windows in sanctuary with laminated glass storm windows. These storm windows significantly enhanced the building's protection from water and air flow in and out of the building.
- 2. Sanctuary air conditioning.** Installed air conditioning in sanctuary and contracted for additional cooling capacity to occur in October 2021.
- 3. Annex air conditioning.** Contracted to replace air conditioning for first and second floors of the annex (scheduled for October).
- 4. Painting (lots of it!)** Painted the first floor office, first floor annex hallway, second floor vestry, and fellowship hall. Primed other areas in preparation for additional painting.
- 5. Sanctuary design improvements.** Designed the sanctuary space to make it more worship friendly, including moving heavy pews and music equipment; improved balcony sightlines, and created a lounge space for multi-functional use.
- 6. Audio/Visual improvements.** Installed new sound-board and audio equipment, new projector and screens, and created a long-term plan for full AV transformation.
- 7. Internet access and networking.** Replaced and improved the church's networking capabilities.
- 8. Security grant.** Received a \$135,000 government grant to make physical security improvements to the building, such as lighting and security systems improvements.
- 9. Annex roof contract and junk removal.** Contracted to replace the annex roof (to take place in October) and removed dysfunctional HVAC units.
- 10. Sanctuary roof repair and due diligence on replacement.** Contracted to perform needed immediate repairs to the front of the sanctuary roof and to replace gutters and downspouts. Continued due diligence in budgeting and deciding on a replacement roof solution.
- 11. Boiler replacement.** Contracted to replace dysfunctional boiler heating system.

**12. First floor office renovation.**

Renovated and transformed the first floor room into a multi-use office space.

**13. Vestry renovation.** Renovated and furnished second floor vestry.

**14. Plumbing improvements.**

Replaced hot water heater and performed other plumbing improvements, including main water valve replacement, pipe repair and declogging, and boiler room door replacement.

**15. Electrical improvements.**

Replaced hazardous electrical panel and installed various wiring and outlet improvements.

**16. Lighting improvements and**

**evaluation.** Made substantial lighting improvements and are

continuing to make progress in this area.

**17. Cleaning the landscape.** Cleaned our yard, including removing old bushes and trees.

**18. Structural improvements and evaluation.** Installed bracing beneath foyer floor and retained a structural engineer to design permanent solutions and inspect the rest of the building.

**19. Environmental evaluation.** Hired a firm to perform an environmental evaluation of the property

**20. Regulatory progress.** Obtained Certificate of Occupancy for first and second floors and, with the assistance of an architect, petitioned for a certificate of occupancy of the third floor.

**21. Bathroom grant.** Obtained a \$6,000 grant towards renovating the first floor bathroom, and began initial planning for the project.

**22. Railing designs.** Obtained architectural designs for railings on the sanctuary stairwells, windows, and balcony.



# THANK YOU

We praise God for His continued blessings within our church community, and we are grateful to work alongside all of you as we build His kingdom together.

—The Rez Building Leadership Team



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