

2018 Renovation FAQs

First United Methodist Church, Dallas

Why are we doing this?

First United Methodist Church Dallas' next phase of renovation for our historic building will be our Education Building. The education building needs to be modernized, both to align to ministry vision and to address infrastructure needs. This alignment will be achieved through reconfiguring the layout to provide better space utilization, and upgrading the heating and air conditioning system. The Board of Trustees has worked diligently over the last three years to conduct a space utilization survey, renegotiate loans and shoulder a debt reduction campaign to prepare for this necessary modernization.

How did we choose what needed upgrading?

Over the last six months, members of our Board of Trustees have led discussions and tours with small groups, Sunday School classes and affinity groups. As we listened, the Trustees heard:

- An overwhelming affirmative response of the entire campus renovation plan.
- That if we had to split the project in two phases, our initial focus should be on the children and youth areas.

These areas, in addition to new administrative offices in the main building, made the most sense to address first, since they most closely align with both the overall strategic vision and the necessary changes to building infrastructure.

When will the rest of it be upgraded?

We plan on offering a plan for Phase Two in the Spring of 2021, when we celebrate our 175th anniversary as a church.

Are there a variety of funding sources to pay for this, or are we relying solely on pledges and donations?

The vast majority of our campaign funds will come from our membership and continuing visitors, but our Board of Trustees will work with foundations and trusts to secure additional funding sources.

How much will this phase cost?

This renovation will take place in two phases. The Trustees have authorized a budget of \$10.5 million for Phase One. This budget includes room for cost overruns and potential unfulfilled pledges.

What exactly are we voting on Oct. 21?

Each full member of First United Methodist Church Dallas will vote to recommend or defer a capital campaign to raise the funds needed for the renovation, which will start in January 2019. It is not a vote approving detailed designs.

What happens after the vote?

If the vote is affirmative, then we will proceed with this plan. First, The Board of Trustees will finalize the architectural, engineering and mechanical components of the renovation project, in

coordination with our program ministry staff. Second, we will launch a capital campaign, which will be held January 6 - February 3, 2019. Then, we start construction in late Spring 2019.