



Caption (from left to right: Christina Burzinski, Parish Administrator, Jane Ferris, chair of Master Plan Steering Committee, Fred Groth, Grace member and General Manager, Jonathan Grieser, Rector, John Wood, Senior Warden, Bishop Miller, Steve Klavan of Findorff, and Vince Micha, Project Architect.

On August 23, 2015, Grace Church (Madison) broke ground on a \$2 million renovation project. It is the culmination of a three-year long process that began when a group of parishioners brainstormed ways to improve Grace's facilities for members and visitors. What started as an Aesthetics Committee transformed into the Master Plan Steering Committee, vetting potential architects and visiting churches from Milwaukee to Platteville. The Kubala Washatko Architects of Cedarburg, Wisconsin, were chosen to work with Grace on an overall master plan under the direction of lead architect Vince Micha.

Soliciting input through dozens of meetings with scores of parishioners and outsiders who make use of Grace's facilities, Micha presented and revised a master plan for renovations of Grace's entire physical plant. Over the two years that followed, plans were revised and more clearly defined to meet the goals of the congregation and keep within the financial resources available.

In 2014, Grace contracted with the James Company to conduct a capital campaign, which raised over a million dollars. The Grace Foundation and Grace's endowment funds have also committed financial support to the project.

The endeavor involves a number of significant upgrades to the facilities focused on enhancing physical spaces for ministry and mission. Long-awaited air conditioning will be added to the nave and Cornelia Vilas Guild Hall, along with improved audio and lighting. The signature addition will be a new entrance from the courtyard and a central staircase that will improve flow and accessibility throughout the building.

A national historic landmark, Grace Church is located at the heart of a dynamic and thriving city. It is our hope and prayer that this project will invite our neighbors and the Madison community to see Grace as a place to gather, worship, and encounter God. Our long-time outreach ministries, the Food Pantry and Men's Drop-In Shelter (managed by Porchlight), will not be interrupted during the construction period and, after completion will continue to be important aspects of Grace's mission.

The project is scheduled for completion by mid-December 2015, with worship in the renovated nave to begin on the First Sunday of Advent, 2015. For more on Grace and the project, visit our website <http://www.gracechurchmadison.org> and follow us on Facebook.