

Dear Friends:

It is an honor to be writing you this letter today in support of our capital improvement campaign. As you know, the idea behind this campaign is accepting and affirming our collective responsibility to honor the legacy of our past and to invest in the future vitality and ministry of FCC.

Candidly, our current church building is a bit tired! There are areas of our building that need updating and refreshing in order to keep our facility welcoming, attractive, and useful for our call to ministry and service today. Likewise, we need to assure our building is a safe, secure, and accessible place for those who come here to worship and grow spiritually...for our children and youth who are nurtured by our programming and for those who step inside FCC to attend a worship service or a special community event. In that vein, I sincerely believe the capital improvements being recommended are necessary to keeping our building, and our church's outreaching and serving ministries, dynamic, vital, and growing. Indeed, we are taking important steps today to assure our church will flourish tomorrow.

As has been said before, the time has come to respect the needs of our community who rely on us as a beacon to guide them through life's twists and turns. So let us grasp our responsibility to be the welcoming light that all families of the future can call home.

I invite you to please join my wife, Laura, and me in generously supporting this worthy effort as we seek to continue to be a "beacon of God's love, hope, and Christian freedom."

Affectionately,

Bob Livingston
Senior Minister

Our world has evolved significantly since our last capital campaign in the mid-1980's. New challenges face us today that we never needed to consider in the past, including safety, accessibility, and engagement. To be true to our mission and to provide a beacon of hope, we need to address these key issues – both for today and for a strong future.

Vision 175 – Investing in our Future – is intended to prepare us for our 175th Anniversary celebration in 2022 with a capital campaign designed to address the key issues of safety, accessibility, and engagement. The goal is to ensure our historic church meets the needs of today while preparing us for a strong future. Without a safe, contemporary, accessible, and engaging facility to ensure an energetic and growing church, we're less effective in serving our congregation and our community.

In recent years, we've invested in improvements to make the church more welcoming and vibrant, including improved lighting, signage, a new roof, landscaping, and many other projects. We also invested in our infrastructure including an efficient heating system and air conditioning in Pilgrim Hall. These incremental projects were funded by our endowment funds. We need to preserve these funds to ensure continued resources for programs and operating expenses.

Our church needs your help. Previous generations provided the financial support for periodic major capital improvements that helped us become the church we are today. Now, it's our turn to invest in the future and serve as an inspiration to those who follow.

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Case Statement (cont.)

The Vision 175 campaign will provide funding to address the challenges we now face – safety, accessibility, and engagement – to strengthen the welcoming nature of our church, and the impact of our programs. Safety has become a paramount issue for our children in the classrooms, the congregation in the sanctuary, and our staff. Appropriate accessibility of our building so that we truly are welcoming to all, is a must. Changes to the Mayflower Lobby will enhance the caring, vibrant, welcoming experience for all members, guests, and potential new members. These changes are essential to ensure our church remains healthy, vital, and impactful.

Proposed renovations will make Pilgrim Hall and the kitchen space accessible, compliant, and functional for the congregation’s fellowship needs. These renovations are vital for our Mission and Outreach programs and potential growth.

From our founding members who took a stand against slavery, through Rev. Dr. Lloyd Douglas, Rev. Terry and Joan Smith, Dr. Harry and Mrs. Margaret Towsley and numerous second-, third-, and fourth-generation members we have all invested in a legacy that has built this magnificent facility and enabled our programs that impact our congregation and community.

Now it’s our turn. To create our legacy and help our church excel for future generations – with a safe, accessible, and welcoming facility for all we serve. Please consider how you can impact our legacy with financial support for our Vision 175 capital campaign.

Why a Capital Campaign?

- We believe in serving our members, visitors, and the community
- Our beloved church is in need of updates so we can safely and effectively serve
- We must meet modern standards, and improve our welcoming environment
- We need to conserve our financial resources for programs and operations

Why Not Use the Endowments?

Since the establishment of the Investment and Endowment Funds, the Trustees have judiciously used these funds while ensuring that they continue to grow to meet FCC's future needs. For the past three years, the Trustees have aimed at utilizing only five percent of each funds' balance for the most recent 20 calendar quarters. This approach is like that used by many nonprofits and universities. These funds are used to offset the difference between FCC's annual expenses and the congregation's pledges and donations. Most often, the funds enable the Trustees to fund major unexpected repairs and capital projects.

The capital campaign will enable significant, critical improvements to be made in the near future while preserving the investment and endowments to be used to ensure and enhance programming opportunities.

**Current Investments, Trust Funds and Endowment Value is \$3.65M.
\$1.7M is protected and cannot be used.**

Years	Total	Annual Average
2003-2012	\$1.42M	\$142,000
2013-2015	\$387K	\$129,000
2014 (Boiler)	\$1M	
2016-2018	\$100K	\$33,000
2019-2024 (proposed)	\$350K	\$70,000

The financial impact of the boiler has limited our capital expenditures to \$33,000 annually to fund capital improvements.

FCC has a rich 30 year tradition of investing in the future:

1926 – FCC reinvested in the church by renovating the church

1955 – FCC builds the Pilgrim Hall Annex to the church

1986 – FCC reinvigorates the church with new organ and elevator

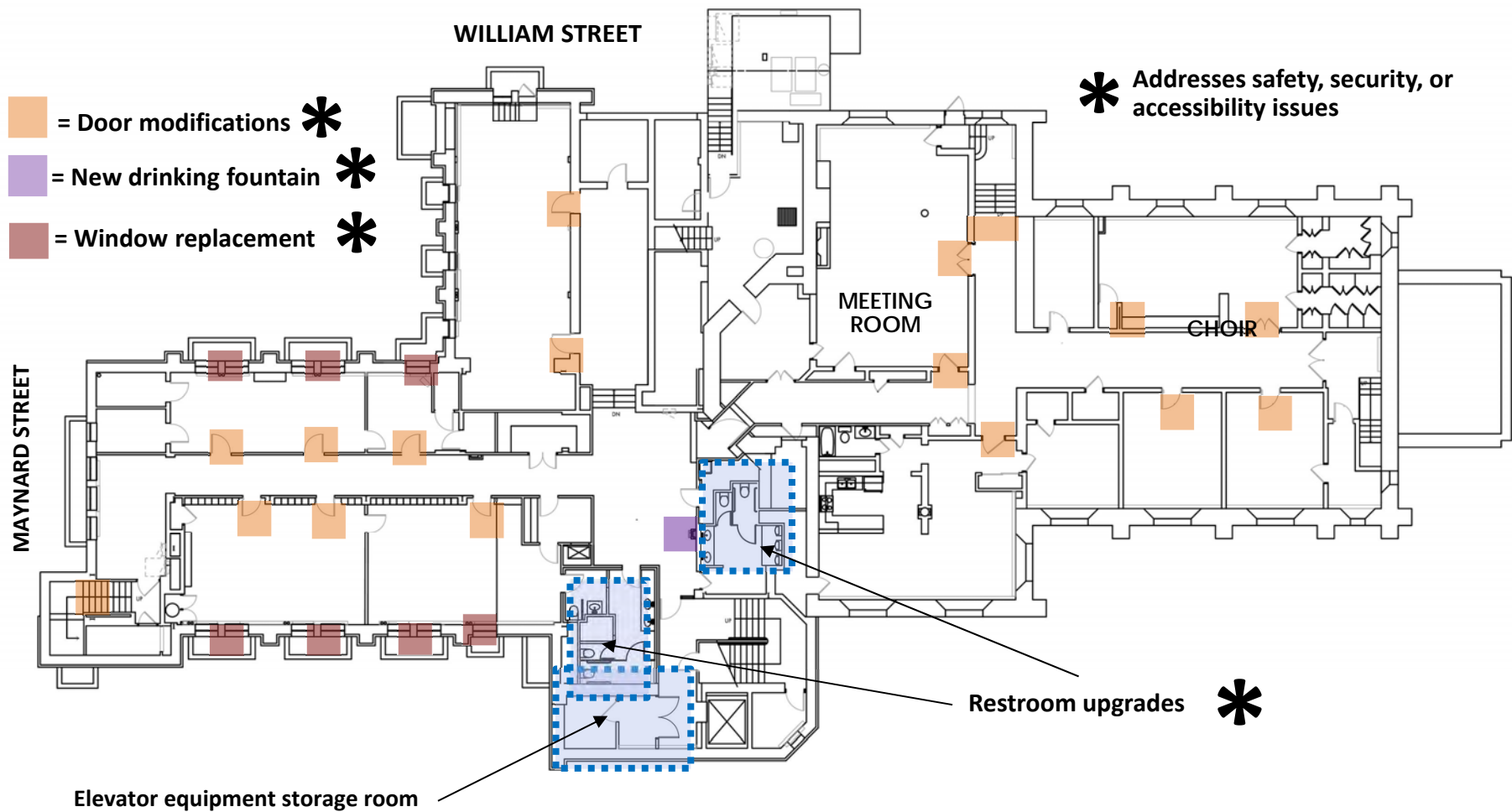
2018 – FCC has the opportunity to address safety, and code issues

With every generation we have an opportunity to invest in the future.

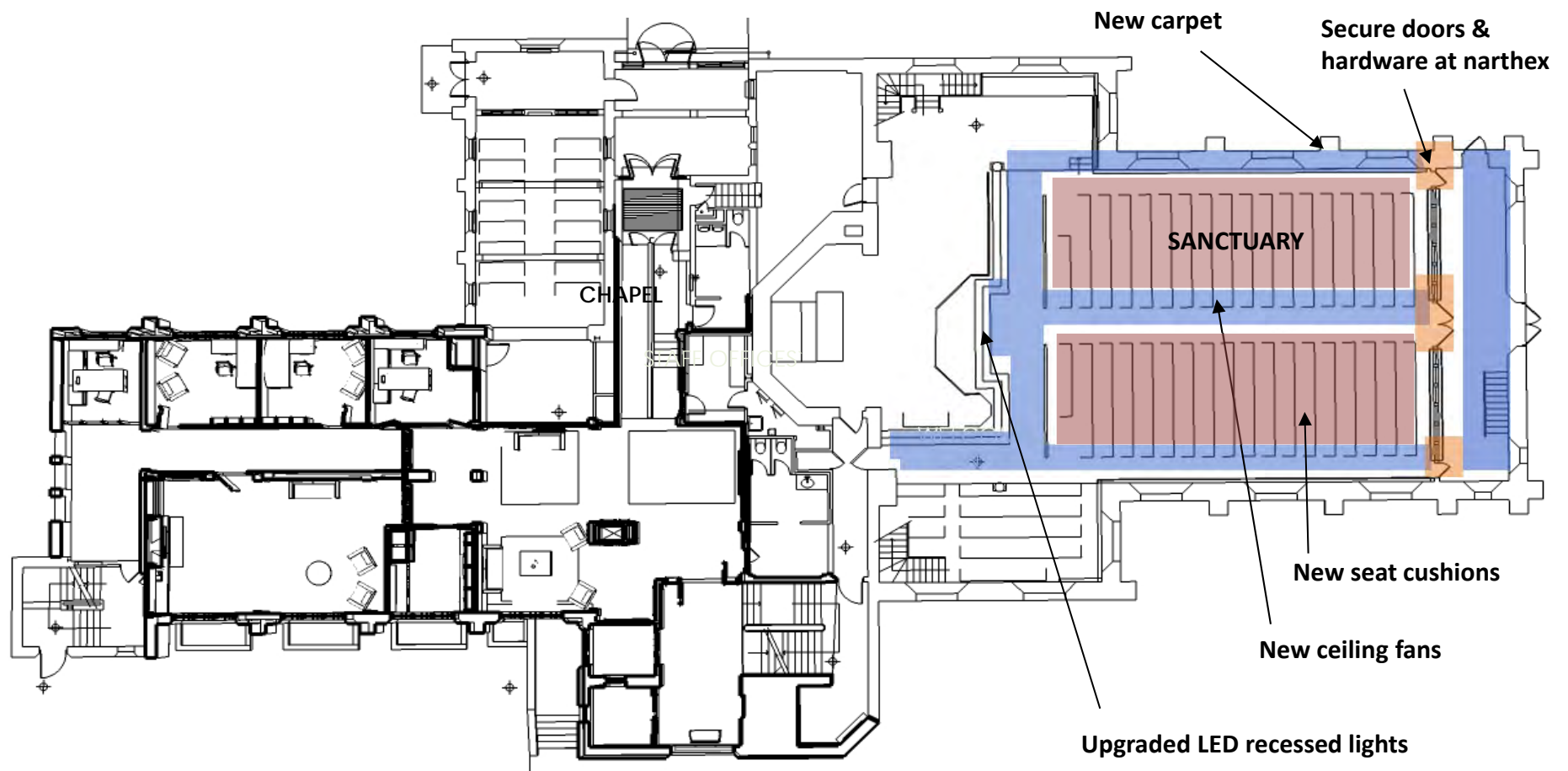
What are our Goals for this Campaign?

1. **Safety and Security** for church school, office and sanctuary
2. **Access for All** means changes to allow physical access and the ability to use facilities like restrooms
3. **Stewardship of our Building** providing the funds necessary for its maintenance, Trust Fund can no longer do this.
4. **Enhance our Worship Environment** by renovating and improving our worship spaces. Fix lights, fans and finishes.
5. **Provide Appropriate Office Environment** replace 30 year old furniture and finishes with proper facilities and resources
6. **Engaging Fellowship Spaces** Grow our membership by enabling ministry and connection to happen naturally in our building

Potential Projects – Basement



Potential Projects – Sanctuary



Potential Projects – Main Floor



William St. Entry

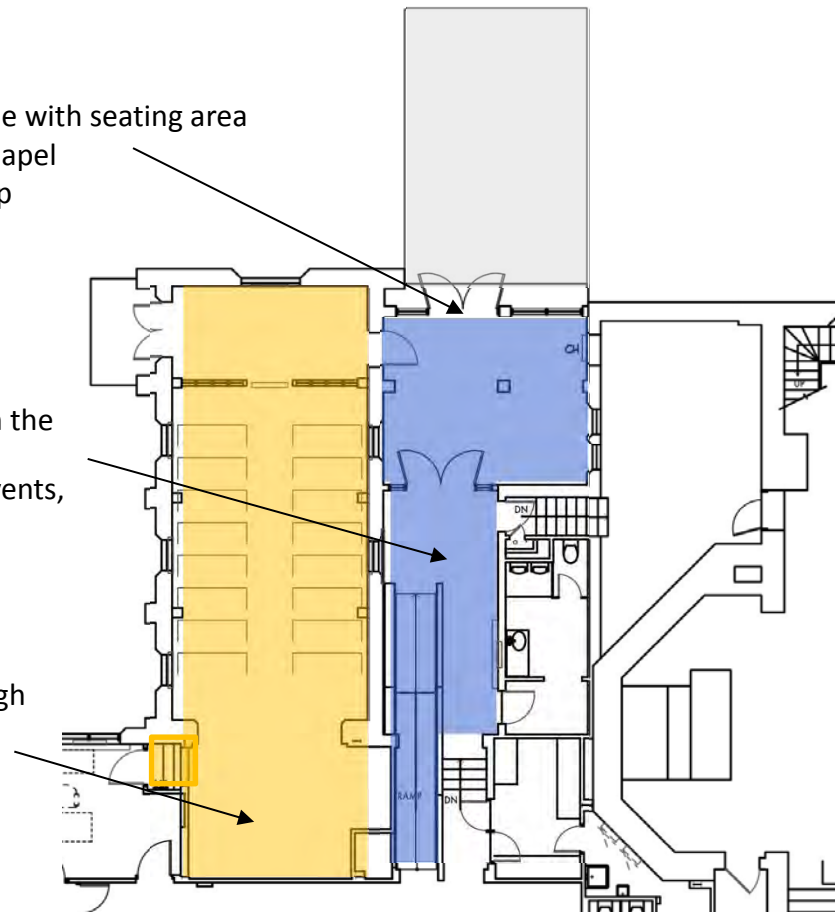
- New secure vestibule with seating area
- Interior access to chapel
- ADA-compliant ramp

Ramp and Hallway

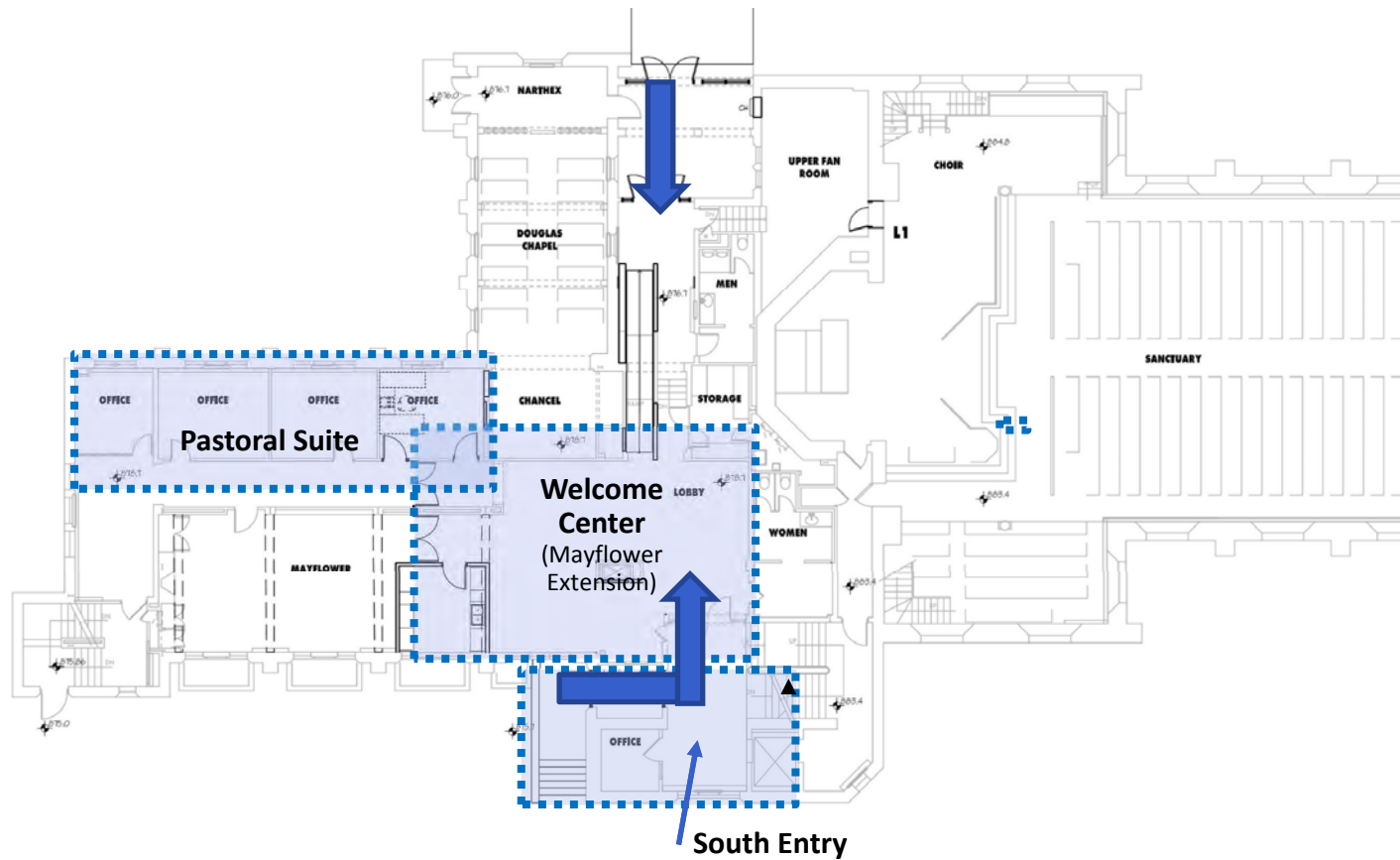
- West wall – key milestones in the church’s history
- East wall – graphics of FCC events, outreach, and members

Chapel Improvements

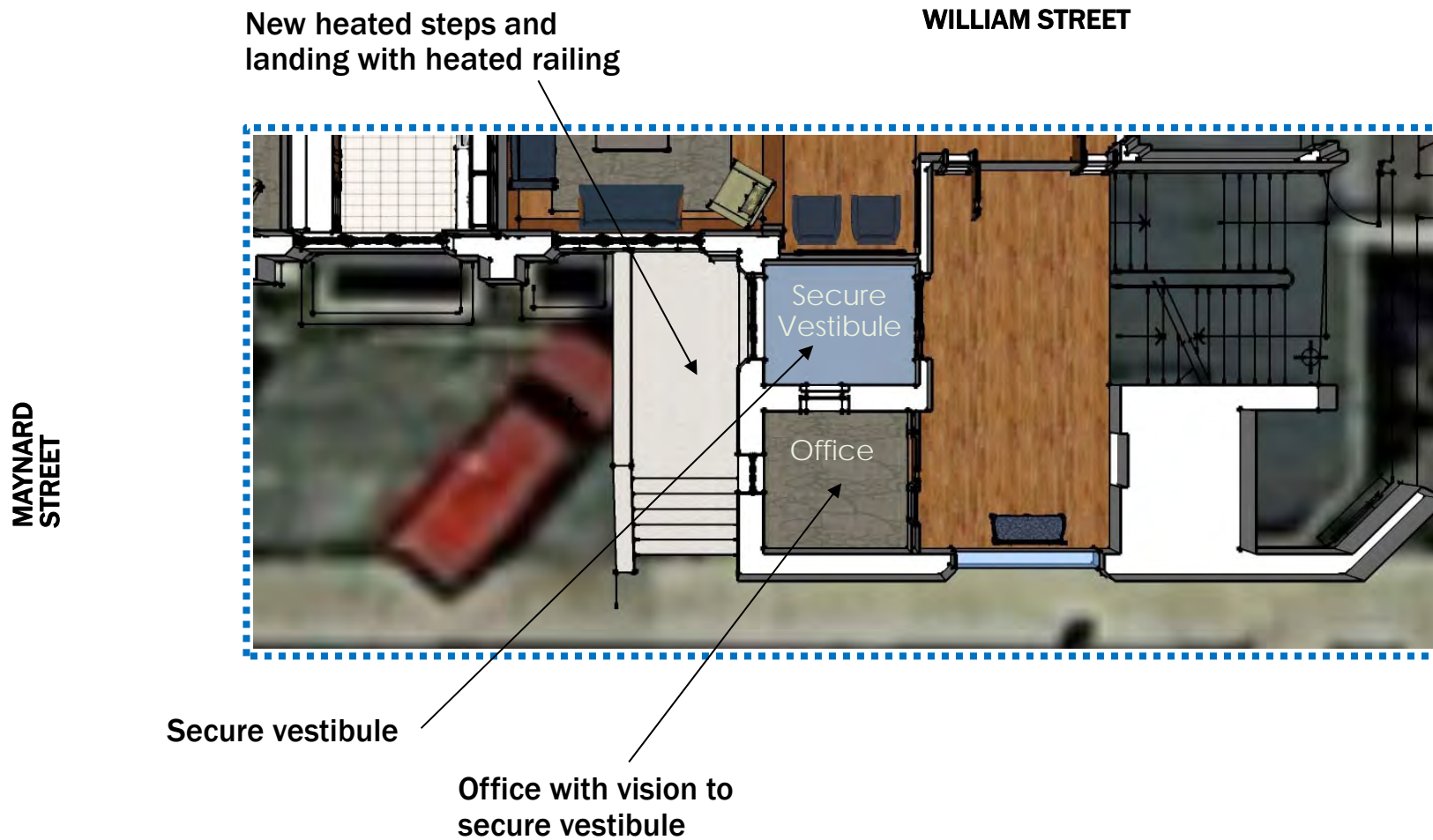
- ADA access to chancel
- Eliminate unsecure access through bookkeeper office
- New floor and ceiling finishes



Potential Projects – Main Floor (cont.)



Potential Projects – South Entry



Welcome Center



Pastoral Suite

New flooring

New furniture

Master control for security systems

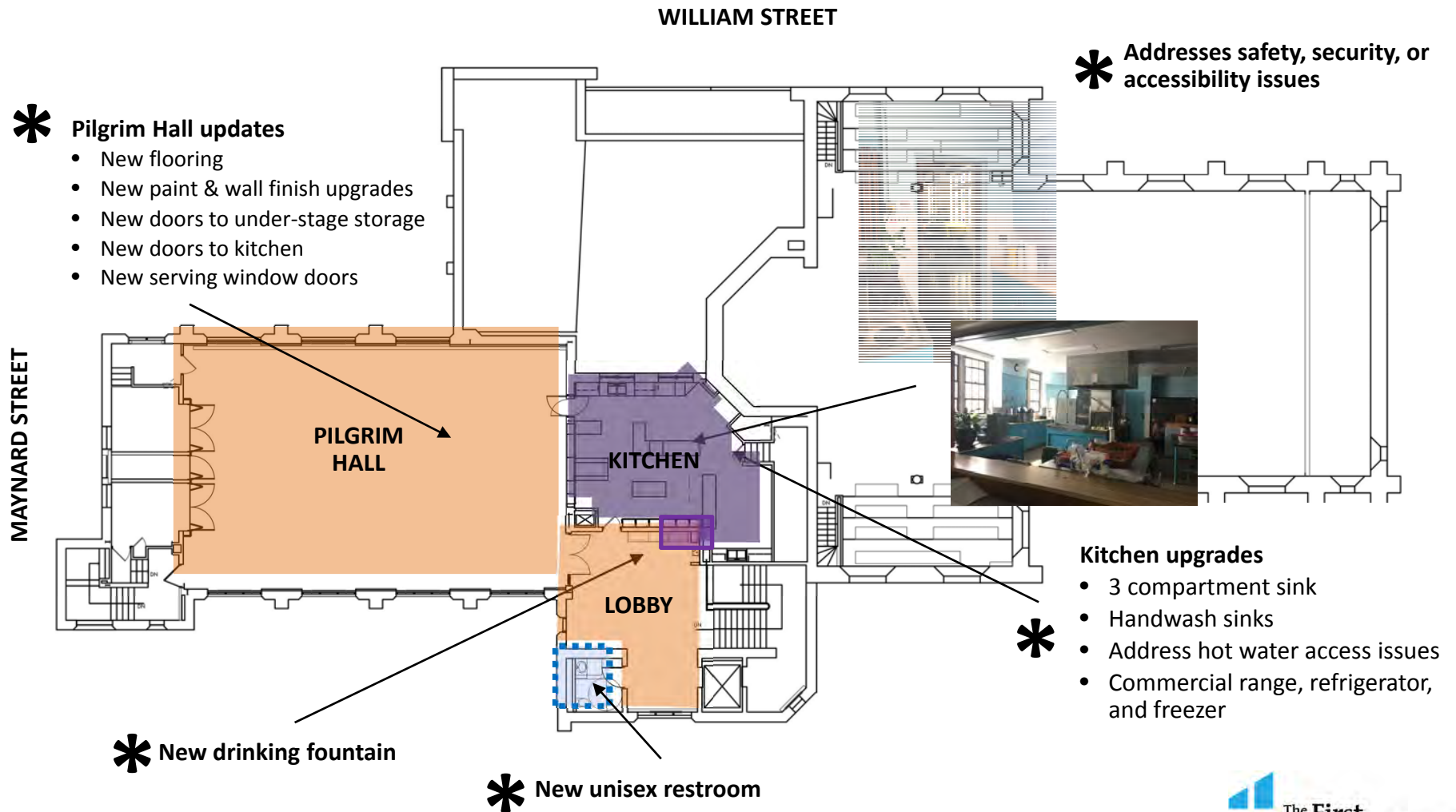
Improved entry for new members and guests

Easy to find receptionist

Better privacy for pastor and visitors



Potential Projects – Second Floor



Proposed Project Budgets

1. Safety and Security	\$250,000
2. Accessible to All (Entries & Toilets)	\$455,000
3. Stewardship of our Building	\$435,000
4. Enhance our Worship Experience	\$250,000
5. Appropriate Office Environments	\$110,000
6. Engaging Fellowship Spaces	\$315,000
7. Architectural & Campaign Costs	\$150,000
Total	\$1,965,000

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How Will We Meet Our Goal?

Level	Amount	Number of Donors	Average Gift	TOTAL
Platinum	\$100,000+	3		\$400,000
Gold	\$50,000 - \$99,999	4	\$75,000	\$300,000
Silver	\$25,000 - \$49,999	5	\$35,000	\$175,000
Maize	\$15,000 - \$24,999	15	\$20,000	\$300,000
Blue	\$10,000 - \$14,999	20	\$12,500	\$250,000
Green	\$5,000 - \$9,999	45	\$7,500	\$337,500
White	\$2,500 - \$4,999	55	\$3,500	\$192,500
Bronze	Up to \$2,499	51	\$1,000	\$51,000
	Campaign Total	198		\$2,006,000

What will OUR legacy be and
how will YOU play a role?