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Our Redeemer's Celebrates Church Renovation Groundbreaking

Seattle 10/6/2020 - <u>Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church</u> in Ballard broke ground last Sunday to mark the start of the construction on a \$2.7 million renovation of their 75 year old church facilities.

Speakers at the event included Our Redeemer's Pastors Kathy Hawks and Gretchen Mertes; City of Seattle Councilman Dan Strauss; Cindy Krueger of Ballard P-Patch; and Michelle Blume of GROW. Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee provided the blessing and dedication for the project.

The 14,000 SF renovation project includes the demolition of an existing two-story library building, seismic upgrades to the existing building, the interior renovation of sanctuary, chapel, administration, narthex, and basement restrooms. ADA upgrades will provide on-grade access to the basement and full access within the sanctuary. The project was partially funded by the sale of a neighboring property that was recently purchased by <u>Ballard P-Patch</u>.

The project team includes:

LZL Construction, General Contractor SHKS Architects, Architectural Design Harriott Valentine Engineers, Structural Engineering Censeo, Acoustical Design JayMarc AV, Sound and Video Systems Marceau Pipe Organs, Organ Refurbishment CPM Seattle Inc, Owner's Representative Our Redeemer's is a growing community hub for social justice, the arts, education, and sharing hope. The renovated church will better serve the congregation and community members who regularly use the church facilities – a co-op preschool, AA, Scouting USA, our homeless patrons, and other community organizations who will utilize the multi-purpose spiritual, meeting, and performance spaces in the church.

The project is scheduled for completion in summer 2021.

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Project information and renderings available by contacting <u>communications@ourredeemers.net</u> or visiting <u>https://ourredeemers.net/about/build-the-vision/.</u>

For more information, press only:

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L to R: Our Redeemer's Pastor Kathy Hawks, Church Council President Shelbe Kukowski, Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee, Church Building Committee member - Guy Michaelso, Dennis Lehtenin – LZL Construction, Mary Waelder – SHKS Architects, Councilman Dan Strauss, John Zmolek – Verity Credit Union.



Architect's rendering exterior of church along NW 85th Street.



Architect's rendering of interior of church sanctuary with refurbished organ in balcony.