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## **Ballard P-Patch Property Sale Finalized: Our Redeemer's - Ballard P-Patch Partnership Saves the Garden**

Seattle 9/14/2020 - [GROW](#) and the [Ballard P-Patch](#) officially purchased the Ballard P-Patch property from [Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church](#) on August 31st. This milestone ensures that the property will continue to be used as a community garden and allows Our Redeemer's to fund much needed safety and functional upgrades to their facilities to better serve the greater community. **Groundbreaking for the church's renovation is Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.**

Up to now, Our Redeemer's has leased the land for to Ballard P-Patch for \$1 a year. According to Pastor Kathy Hawks, "The P-Patch, along with the whole community of Ballard, rallied their energy, connections, and relationships to make this happen, despite the pandemic. This sale is a testament to what can happen when good people work together with a common purpose."

Our Redeemer's renovation project is expected to take 10 months to complete. SHKS Architects is the architect and LZL Construction is the contractor. The renovated church will better serve the congregation and community members who regularly use the church facilities – a co-op preschool, AA, boy scouts, our homeless patrons, as well as other community organizations who will be invited to use the new multi-purpose spaces in the church.

One of the first P-Patches in the Seattle Community Garden Program, the Ballard P-Patch is [located](#) a short distance off of NW 85th St and 25th NW. Our Redeemer's is located at 2400 NW 85<sup>th</sup> Street.

According to Pastor Hawks, "Our Redeemer's is delighted that the legacy of our support over the many years will now, literally, bear fruit in perpetuity."

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Project renderings available: <https://ourredeemers.net/about/build-the-vision/>

## ***Background Information***

Since 1976 Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church has supported Ballard P-Patch by renting the land to the City of Seattle for \$1 per year.

In early 2018, Our Redeemer's discovered during renovation planning that the church's unreinforced masonry walls needed to be seismically upgraded for safety. The unexpected cost of seismic upgrades forced the church in early 2018 to consider selling the p-patch property.

Although it was a possibility, selling the land to the highest bidder did not meet the community service mission of Our Redeemer's. Instead the church invited the Ballard P-Patch gardeners, under the fiscal sponsorship of GROW, to buy it, and preserve the land in perpetuity.

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## OUR REDEEMER'S

A COMMUNITY IN THE MODEL OF CHRIST

...FOR THE LIFE OF THE WORLD

### A VISION

God has given us the vision we've been working and live toward. Our building is a tool for carrying that out that. But that tool needs sharpening!

- Aligning our building with our vision will strengthen Our Redeemer's ability to:
- Transform lives through spirituality in action
  - Expand and deepen community, within and without our congregation
  - Engage our neighbors and serve our world

### OUR FAITHFUL LONG-TERM EFFORT IS COMING TO FRUITION

In 2013-2014, Our Redeemer's did a congregation-wide process to discern a strategic plan for our vision. We set the goal of renovating our building, removing barriers to mission and enhancing opportunities to serve God and our neighbors.

Since then, there have been many ups and downs, surprises, blessings and disappointments. But the people and leaders of Our Redeemer's have faithfully continued onward, planning, meeting and voting to strengthen our ministry through our building.

Most recently, we spent a year and a half working with the Ballard P-Patch leadership to make it possible for them to buy the property Our Redeemer's has been leasing for free to the City for 44 years. And they did it! The P-Patch will continue to be our neighbor and partner, and our own project will be able to move forward.

### GOD'S SPIRIT IS MOVING!

Against all odds, everything is coming together: our budget, permit, plans, P-Patch sale, and even a construction schedule that has us out of the building at a time when our health and safety also forces us to do that due to the pandemic. God has clearly had a hand in this!

### TRANSFORMING SPIRITUALITY

- Improved lighting, acoustics, sound system, and AV system.
- Flexible space for all worship.
- Comfortable seating for all.
- Refurbished organ, movable console, chimes from Calvary organ.
- Wheelchair accessibility.
- Beautifully refurbished prayer chapel.

View 1: Looking northeast in the Sanctuary during a daytime service with a traditional seating arrangement.

View 2: Looking northeast in the Sanctuary during an evening service with a half-round seating arrangement.

View 3: Approaching the small meeting/prayer room along the salvaged wood grove screen.



Timber is significant to the Scandinavian history of the church as well as the Pacific Northwest. The design draws on the concept of a sacred grove. Our pews will be salvaged and re-milled to create new interior groves for our community.



### DEEPENING COMMUNITY

- Seismic and accessibility upgrades.
- Increased number of main floor meeting rooms, allow simultaneous Sunday offerings for all ages.
- Improved AV capacity throughout main floor.
- Lower level becomes usable and appealing:
  - Accessible for all through new east entry.
  - Natural light down central corridor.
  - New restrooms.
- Improved security.

View 4: A gathering in the Narthex, facing toward the Sanctuary.

View 5: An accessible sloped path to the lowered chancel floor.



### ENGAGING OUR NEIGHBORS, SERVING THE WORLD

- Clear and welcoming entrance
- Uplifting visual connection between church, neighbors, and nature.
- Welcoming reception area.
- Sanctuary providing concert, lecture, and community gathering space.
- Office spaces that promote collaboration, communication, and volunteer participation.
- Landscape inviting rest for all, and safe accessibility and parking for all.

Below: Site Plan



