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REACH and RENEW RECAP

Architect chosen for renovation of church building; work resumes on roof and balustrade



Workers from Inspired Heights, Inc., of Rockford, Illinois, returned to Madison in April to resume their scraping and sanding of lead-based paint from the roof and balustrade. The sound of their efforts often reverberates like low thunder throughout the church.

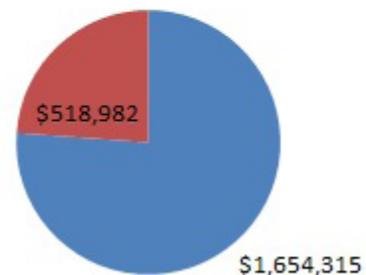
3/4 of pledges received

The Reach and Renew Campaign at First Congregational United Church of Christ of Madison is a five-year initiative (from 2011 through 2016) to renew our health, renew our hospitality, and renew our home.

In April 2015, pledge receipts passed the three-quarters mark; prompt payment of pledges enables work to proceed with minimal borrowing. In May, Dimension IV Madison Design Group was chosen as the architect for the remodeling of the Chapel, Student Lounge, and Pink Kitchen; relocation of the Church Office; and repair of the front steps. **See the next page for more photos and information.**

Pledge status as of 5-31-15
Current pledge total: \$2,173,297

■ Payments received ■ Not yet received



Preserve our past. Inspire our future.

The Reach and Renew Campaign seeks to **renew our health** by focusing on the congregation's worship, missions, and programs; to **renew our hospitality** by encouraging the use of our space by outside groups; and to **renew our home** by making upgrades in our building.



Above: The congregation authorized using Reach and Renew funds to switch the locations of the Church Office, Senior Minister's study, caretaker's apartment, and Nursery; remodel the Chapel, Student Lounge, and Pink Kitchen; and repair the front steps. The Renovation Committee ("RenCom," for short) has been meeting diligently to finalize details; the committee's Request for Proposals was sent to architects in March.

Based upon responses to the RFP, the RenCom has chosen Dimension IV Madison Design Group as the architect for the renovations. Repair of the front steps will be postponed until summer 2016, but work on the other projects will begin this year.

The photo above shows a meeting of the RenCom held on May 26 at which representatives of Dimension IV outlined their plans for the first phase of the work. Members of the RenCom include Ben Ringle (committee chair), Cathy Easter, Scott Hackel, Levi Hagen, Greg Nemet, Director of Christian Education Jeff Rabe, Vicki Teal, and Bob Zeier, the church's building manager.

Below left: On April 13, the Mason & Hamlin Model BB piano was returned to the Chapel; it had been in the Sanctuary while the Steinway was rebuilt, but when the Steinway returned, the Mason and Hamlin was sent out for a complete regulation, including replacement of its action, key frame felts, hammers, shanks, flanges, repetitions, backchecks, and keytops, along with repair of its keys. **Below right:** In continual use since 1915, the Mason & Hamlin had been worn down before the work underwritten by Reach & Renew funds, but the day it was returned, Director of Music Ministries Don DeBruin played a few chords and pronounced it as good as new.

