

## **Sanctuary Preservation and Readiness Project Update**

### **Chip Nichols, Chair**

The Sanctuary Project is moving forward nicely, thanks to the amazing leadership of Rev. Aimee and your Wardens and Vestry, the boundless hard work of Honorary Chair Lady Leslie Ridley-Tree, Campaign Co-Chairs Bitsy Bacon, Ed Birch and Sheri Benninghoven, and the more than 100 other parishioners who have taken on leadership roles, the generosity of the 240 parish households and friends of All Saints who have financially supported the project so far, and the commitment of all of you who have given your comments, suggestions and ideas.

We will be holding another Town Hall Meeting in the spring to bring everyone up to date on a wide range of developments, but here are a few highlights:

To date, we have received financial commitments to our construction budget totaling \$10,055,000, payable over time, leaving us just \$45,000 short of our \$10.1 million goal. If you have not yet joined your brothers and sisters in this historic effort, please contact Kathleen or Alyson in the Office and make your commitment now, so we can move on to funding the much needed \$1.5 million in endowment and invested reserves to complete our capital campaign.

We have appeared before the Historical Landmarks Advisory Committee, the Montecito Board of Architectural Review and the Montecito Association Land Use Committee, all of which have given their support, and we are scheduled to appear before the Montecito Planning Commission on April 17. We would love to have a large contingent from All Saints in attendance. Assuming success there, we will have a final appearance before the Board of Architectural Review on April 27, and that will clear the way for our building permits and bidding for the Phase 2 work, to begin shortly after Labor Day.

We received very important feedback from many of you following our last Town Hall Meeting, and we have been working to translate that into revised plans. On the patio [in the Parish House] after this meeting we will have computer-assisted drawings of the altar area reflecting that

feedback, and a number of us on the Facilities Committee will be there to answer your questions.

The Columbarium Committee, Chaired by Pat McClure, also has been hard at work, and after interviewing three major firms has recommended Eickhof Columbaria to supply columbarium niches for the Memorial Chapel. The Committee is working with our Architect on the interior design of the Chapel, which we think you will find very lovely. The Committee will be making a full presentation on the designs and plans for accepting subscriptions for columbarium niches and memorials plaques at the Spring Town Hall Meeting.

Another Committee has been formed and has been meeting for months to explore all of the intricacies of continuing our ministries of worship, formation and fellowship while the Sanctuary is closed for construction, and The Rev. Aimee has information on that to share with you.