

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Our New Home Expresses our Faith and our Values.

We believe that God is the source of all creation, and that our human existence among the creatures of the earth is a marvelous blessing and an immense responsibility. We are inspired by the biblical message to care for the earth.

- The 188,00sf mixed-use church/office/restaurant building is designed to meet the criteria for the U.S. Green Building Council for Gold LEED certification for environmental sustainability by
 - Reuse and recycling of 90+% of the materials in the demolished church, including pews, brick, windows; and transplanting of mature plants and trees from the courtyard to new homes
 - Location close to excellent public transportation
 - Storm water quality and management on site
 - High energy efficient glass assemblies
 - Floor plates with natural daylight
 - Variable air volume (VAV) box systems in the typical office space
 - Water economizer in the mechanical system
 - Low flow faucets, waterless urinals, and low flow flush toilets
 - New products from recycled materials
 - Sustainably harvested wood
 - 6,195sf of green roof

We seek to radiate the light of truth and justice, and to celebrate the Creative Spirit we find in the message of Jesus Christ.

- Two large light box lanterns, an interior light well, and many windows bring light into the building. At night, the lanterns radiate soft light out from the building.
- Pendant lights in the narthex and sanctuary suggest the celestial realm.

We invite all people to join us in worship, fellowship, and service to others.

- The tombasil bronze column sculpture at the corner of 10th and G makes our church visible and easy to locate.
- Two massive wooden doors open from the narthex into a stunning column-free sanctuary space that houses a Casavant pipe organ and sophisticated AV equipment.
- A still pool in the narthex signifies baptism and water as sustainer of life.
- Universal design provides full access throughout the building. An open staircase and elevator in the middle of the building connect all parts of the church.
- The 24,000sf church space can accommodate small worship services, personal meditation, meetings, celebrations, concerts and community functions.
- Classrooms provide a beautiful learning environment for children and teens.
- A small pocket park can exhibit large outdoor sculptures by local artists.
- Context-sensitive building design and materials honor the neighboring historic landmark Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library designed by Ludwig Mies van der Rohe.

An Open and Affirming, Just Peace, Multi-Cultural Multi-Racial, Accessible to All, Congregation