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Why is an elevator being pursued over a ramp?

Both were thoroughly reviewed and the price of the two different options were very similar. The elevator is ultimately being pursued since this was the preferred solution by the majority of parishioners in need of ADA accessibility. A ramp, although also effective, would require removal and reworking of the landscaping bed closest to the Hall with an additional 130 feet of paved walkway to ensure the legally required slope.

Why has the originally proposed Small Hall now been changed to a simplified pavilion?

Costs were a major factor in simplifying this project. The original Small Hall in the Beyond 50 Plan had an estimated cost of \$850k in 2019. The simplified, open-air pavilion now has an estimated cost of \$400k. The new design also offers a openness to the surrounding space and has the potential of being enclosed at a later time.

What is the current state of the Beyond 50 Plan?

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Why is a larger dome being pursued for the church?

In an effort to pursue all possibilities for this project, enlarging the dome is now being researched to understand what the cost would be, and to engage the parish to see if this is desired by the stewards of Nativity of Christ. The purpose of including this new idea in the drawings now, is to avoid having to go back to the City of Novato at a later date for approval. It will only be pursued if approved by the parish and if there are sufficient funds received.

When will the next briefing of the Beyond 50 Plan take place?

The goal is to update the community as soon as bids for the large projects have been finalized. The next formal gathering will be the Spring Parish Assembly, tentatively scheduled for Sunday February 26, 2023.

