

Campus Visioning Process

St. Martin's explores how the campus can better serve our parish

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St. Martin's is continuing its site planning and campus visioning process, taking a closer look at how our physical space supports—or sometimes limits—our ministries and community life. This is still a conceptual and exploratory phase, not a capital campaign, and no decisions about construction or fundraising are being made at this time.

Discussions with ministry leadership, staff, and partner organizations highlighted several specific areas for improvement. These areas include how people arrive and move through the campus, the visibility of our sanctuary and offices, and the need for more flexible, welcoming spaces for hospitality, small groups, and community use. For example, the parish hall currently functions well for large gatherings, but it is less inviting for everyday use, and some buildings and entrances are difficult for newcomers to locate. There is a strong need to align our facilities with current ministry priorities.

In response to a report from the Capital Needs Discernment Task Force, the Vestry authorized hiring a design professional to create conceptual plans that explore a range of possibilities—from modest improvements to more comprehensive reimagining of the campus. These plans will help us better understand options, trade-offs, and potential costs; the plans are intended to inform discussion, not to commit us to any particular path.

This phase of the visioning process is about asking good questions: How can our campus better reflect our mission of welcome, connection, and spiritual growth? What changes would most strengthen our ministries and community partnerships? As concepts are developed, the parish will be invited into conversation, so that any future decisions are grounded in shared discernment and clarity.

If you would like to learn more about this process, follow this link:
<https://churchofstmartin.org/site-planning/>