

## Presented to Annual Congregation Meeting by Michael Pandich

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Good afternoon everyone. Your building committee is committed to three things. First, we plan to construct a facility that meets all of the PCC community's needs both now and in the future. Second, we plan to have a facility built as economically as possible because we take responsibility for being good stewards of others' financial contributions to the project very seriously. And third, we will be transparent with everything that we do as a committee with not just the board, but also with every member of Palmas Community Church.

As such, we have created a Purpose Statement for our committee, which is

"To oversee the design and construction of a new home for Palmas Community Church that will provide for the needs of the entire church community, including Worship, Fellowship, Outreach Ministries, Pastoral Care, Christian Education, and a Sanctuary for those in need."

The building committee members include me, David Sauls, Luisa Ross, Steve Scott, and Carlos Guzman. Each of us decided to serve on the committee after thoughtful consideration of how we could share our time, talents, and treasures. Each one brings unique gifts that will contribute directly to the committee's work. We have design engineers of major construction projects, folks who have managed large building projects, and individuals certified in designing energy-efficient and green facilities. Regardless of each person's diverse backgrounds,

every committee member recognizes that a church is not a building. We are charged with overseeing the design and construction of a facility that will help facilitate all of the needs that the church should fulfill.

When Jesus said to Peter, "Upon this rock, I will build my church," we know He wasn't referring to a piece of land or a building. He was referring to a community of believers committed to spreading the Good News. To fulfill the mission of Palmas Community Church, we must have a facility that meets all of the needs of the church.

I, as well as others on our committee, have served on building committees of other churches. I have been on two of them in the past, and I know firsthand that the design and purpose and money spent on a church facility can, at times, get both personal and emotional for some. Trying to construct a facility that meets the exact needs of hundreds of people is virtually impossible. But I have found that when you communicate openly and frequently with everyone involved, the process goes very well and gains the support of the entire church community.

To that end, we have created a website for our committee to provide constant and consistent communication to the PCC community. The website is [pcc-bldg.com](http://pcc-bldg.com). When you go to the website, we have provided three areas of communication. The first is the latest updates. Each month we will be posting an update on our progress that you can download. If you download the October edition on the site right now, you will see the work the committee has done to

solicit input from members and address some key issues that must be resolved before digging the first shovel full of dirt for any facility.

The second area provides community members to privately share their thoughts, questions, ideas, and concerns with the committee. We will respond to all requests within 24 hours and maintain individual confidentiality.

We will post all questions posed to the committee and address them in the third area of shared communication, the FAQ section. Here you will see all questions asked by members along with the associated answers. We will not post the names of people here.

I encourage everyone to read the October report, and then use the Share Your Thoughts forum to submit any questions. With that, I will open it up to any immediate questions you may have.