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PLATFORM UPDATE

Editor's Note: This article was intended for publication in the September newsletter. Through the mysterious malfunctions of computers and the Internet, it never arrived in the church office and was not included in the September edition of the Gazette.

The Green Lake congregation greatly appreciates several services and occasions that would benefit from additional platform space. These include communion, ordinations, weddings, festive services such as the annual Christmas program, and the growing church orchestra. Numerous times each year we must set up our rickety "temporary" platform extensions. These old wood structures must be carried up from the basement and assembled each time they're used and then returned. It's a difficult and dangerous job for the deacons.

authorized fund raising of up to \$100,000 for this project.

The final design is complete and features a new platform and choir loft slightly larger than the existing platform with the extensions. There will be space for the piano and harpsichord on the platform. The current choir screens/panels (chancel wood panels) will be reused in three different positions: the current location, halfway down the platform, and on the sides of the platform. At the halfway position, the area in front of the screens will be about the same depth as today's platform, but wider, with the piano and harpsichord behind the screens. The front row of pews will be removed.

When a contractor is selected and we have a final cost, every church member will receive a brochure explaining the project. The mailing will include a gift/pledge card so you can send in your contribution or make a pledge. Pledges will be accepted, payable either at the end of this year or the end of 2010.



There will be informational presentations at the September board meeting and at a Sabbath School.

We are proud of our beautiful church building, bequeathed to us by an earlier generation. We have traditionally approached needed improvements with quality solutions. This quality is rarely the cheapest option and frequently controversial at the time, but, in the years ahead, we will be appreciative that our traditions of quality were maintained and grateful for having such a generous and supportive community.

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Platform Fund-raising Committee ◊*

Bids from four contractors were due by the end of August, and that brings us to the hard part—paying for it. The Church Board has appointed six individuals to the Platform Fund-raising Committee: Kate Bullock, Melody Gayle, Jan Johnson, and Ken Walters; Ken Fairchild and Amy Worrell Kneller are the co-chairs. This committee is charged with planning how to raise the money during a campaign in September, extending to October if necessary. Already, members of the GLC board and D&P committee are making financial commitments to the project.

These ageing extensions are also becoming unsafe.

The Green Lake Church Board directed the Design and Planning Committee to look at solutions. D&P recommended a remodel of the choir loft and platform. In January, the Church in Business Session

