

# **Executive Summary: Design Charrette Report**

## **All Saints' Episcopal Church – Fall 2024**

All Saints' Episcopal Church conducted a 1.5 day Design Charrette on September 19-20, 2024. The charrette was led by Partners for Sacred Places to generate conceptual designs supporting the parish's 125th-anniversary capital campaign and renovations. Located on the edge of the University of Texas, All Saints' aims to modernize its facilities to support church ministries and anchor tenants All Saints' Episcopal Day School and the Episcopal Student Center. In addition, the renovation vision includes opportunities for expanded community outreach, partnerships with local organizations, and UT students.

Eight volunteer architects from Austin and San Antonio collaborated with Church, Day School, and Episcopal Student Center stakeholders to propose designs that reflect these goals. The architects were provided honoraria for their efforts. No commitments or agreements were made beyond the scope of the Charrette.

### **Charrette Goals & Proposals**

The charrette focused on enhancing the church's ministry and administration building, Gregg House, with an emphasis on accessibility, modernization, and community integration. While accessibility improvements to the church building will be included in the emergent capital campaign, the design charrette was focused on Gregg House. Key proposals included:

- **Accessibility Enhancements:** Adding an elevator, accessibility for all people for all three floors, and unified circulation paths for improved campus flow.
- **Flexible Interior Spaces:** Redesigning Gregg House with comfortable multipurpose rooms and adaptable gathering spaces including roof-top terrace.
- **Welcoming Community-Facing Features:** Creating a unified campus with a clearly marked new main entry; shaded outdoor areas to welcome and connect with UT community, Austin residents, and passersby.

### **Preliminary Nature of Drawings**

The designs developed are conceptual and intended to spark discussion within the congregation, not as finalized plans or commitments. No cost estimates were included in the conceptual drawings.

### **Recommendations**

The report advises All Saints' to continue collaborating with design professionals and develop a long-range master plan to align future campus improvements with the church's mission and community needs.

This charrette report serves as a foundation for ongoing discussions about All Saints' future, fostering ideas that honor its legacy while embracing mission-aligned growth.