



SANCTUARY REMODELING & ORGAN REPLACEMENT TIMELINE: 2006-2028

2006: Plymouth Congregational Church added to the Register of Historical Places, Kansas.

July 16, 2009 Plymouth Congregational Church added to the National Register of Historic Places.

October 5, 2009: The organ committee meets for the first time to begin planning the refurbishment or replacement of the organ built by the Reuter Organ Company, Lawrence, KS.

2018: Funds raised for hearing loop in sanctuary, and "one project quickly became many."

May, 2019: Caroline Lawson Dean assumes role as PCC Associate Pastor.

July, 2019: Valerie Miller-Coleman assumes role as PCC Senior Pastor.

September 24, 2019: Board of Music and Fine Arts committee (Alice Ann Johnston, Kathy Bowen, Kim Manz, Valerie MC) convenes to discuss aesthetic and accessibility updates needed for the building. Committee decides that a coordinated approach in consultation with a professional design firm would be best. *Timeline for Facilities Master Planning to Date, 6-16-21.*

June 23, 2020: Contract with Clark Huesemann, Architects, (CH) is approved by Church Council to begin working on the Facilities Master Plan, (FMP).

August 18, 2020: Steering group formed to work with CH to "create a list of projects that fit together in a way that can be undertaken one at a time when financially prudent."

June 24, 2021: *Facilities Master Plan Update:* Plymouth's FMP Steering Committee updates the congregation.

August 18, 2020-August 2022: PCC Facilities Master Plan Committee works with Clark Huesemann to complete the Facilities Master Plan. "Objectives: 1. A well-thought out roadmap for long term and incremental improvements to the church facilities 2. A vision that enable the church to function well and one that expresses who the church is today 3. Ideas for unifying the three buildings through updated interior finishes." *Facilities Master Plan* with conceptual drawings for remodeling the sanctuary, the first floor, the second floor, and the basement is produced.

November, 2022: Reuter Organ Company sells its Lawrence factory and closes. However, the remaining Reuter technicians indicate willingness to refurbish PCC's organ.

August, 2023: Church Council approves a contract with Generis, a fund-raising consultant company, to conduct listening sessions to determine the feasibility of a capital campaign to remodel the sanctuary and replace the organ.

September 19, 2023: Reuter notifies PCC Minister of Music & Fine Arts Kim Manz that they no longer can take on the project to refurbish the organ.

September 24 & 26, 2023: Generis conducts listening sessions with the congregation.

October, 2023: *Report from Generis Campaign listening Sessions, Generis Report of Campaign Listening Sessions.* "It is quite clear the respondents love their church, love their music and worship, and are excited about the next steps for their church.....However, the groups were not so overwhelmingly positive that it is a green light to move forward with a capital campaign with no concerns at all....the most common question/comment expressed with some concern was people seeking more details about the project." p. 13.

December 19, 2023: Church Council Meeting. Based on information presented to Council about the Generis Report, "Devon (Kim) moved to direct the Moderator to conduct an inquiry to determine the interest level of key contributors. If the results are favorable, Scott Morgan, Moderator, will call a congregational meeting." *PCC Church Council Minutes.*

January 11, 2024: Scott Morgan, Moderator calls a Congregational Meeting to vote on moving forward with a capital campaign:

"I move that Plymouth Congregational Church approve a campaign to renovate the Sanctuary, update the organ, HVAC, and other appropriate items. The costs, currently estimated at about 4.5 million, to be paid for through a combination of a capital campaign, tax credits, and grants. No debt other than carrying costs shall be incurred unless approved by the congregation at a congregational meeting." Motion passes with a voice vote.

May 28, 2024: Sanctuary and Organ Project Management Committee Memorandum of Understanding: Sanctuary and Organ Project Management Committee (PMC) is established. "Its purpose is to organize, direct, and execute comprehensive plans and a budget for the successful development and completion of improvements to the organ specifically and the sanctuary in general, including improved accessibility." PMC membership approved by Church Council on 6-25-24. PMC members are: Terry Schmidt, Chair; Doug Eason, Vice-Chair; Doni Mooberry-Slough; Stephen Carttar; Valerie McGhee; David Miller; Judy Burch. Non-voting members: Kim Manz; Valerie Miller-Coleman; Matt Del Vecchio; and choir member Steve Bradt joined in June, 2025.

October 16, 2024: Church Council approves the contract with Clark Huesemann, Architects, for design and construction administration services for renovation of the church chancel and replacement of church organ.

October 21, 2024: Church Council approves the contract with Schoenstein & Co for a new organ to be installed early in 2028.

October 20, 2024: PMC and Clark Huesemann update the congregation on project's progress.

Fall 2024- December, 2025. Schematic design work continues with CH and organ casework designer Eric Keebler.

February 4, 2025: Architects meet with SHPO, and are told the walnut wall between the chancel and the choir loft cannot be removed if PCC wants to receive tax credits.

August, 2025: PMC composes and conducts a survey of PCC congregation regarding the renovation project.

August, 2025: Church Council approves contract with Mar Lan for pre-construction services.

October, 2025: Plymouth Church Council receives a petition for a called congregational meeting to vote on chancel renovation.

December, 2025: PMC receives updated project cost estimates from Mar Lan, with a \$300,000 funding shortfall and including \$300,000 for contingencies. Updated budget information reduces the deficit to \$100,000.

January, 2026: PMC organ casework design with Eric Keebler.

January, 2026: PMC votes twice before reaching a 4-3 decision to send the architects' sanctuary design to the Church Council without a clear consensus.

January, 2026: Church Council accepts the sanctuary design and approves organ casework design.

January, 2026: Church Council sets February 22 for called congregational meeting.

February 22, 2026: Called congregational meeting to vote on chancel renovation.

Estimated Dates to Completion of Project

March, 2026: Contractor bidding process begins under direction of CH and Mar Lan.

April-May, 2026: Plymouth traditional and contemporary Sunday services move to the Mayflower Room under the direction of the Alternative Worship Site (AWS) Committee.

April-May, 2026: Reuter organ removed from sanctuary, and construction begins.

December, 2026: Construction in sanctuary completed. Worship services move back into the sanctuary.

January, 2028: Schoenstein & Co installs new organ in sanctuary.