

Building Committee BIOs

Name	Summary Bio	Subcommittee			
Architect/Construction Manager	Aspen Group - Specializing in Church architecture design and construction for more than a decade. Staffed by architects, interior designers, project managers, field superintendents and other design and construction professionals working together as a unified team.	Needs and Planning	Finance	Construction Management	
Bill Hansen	Volunteer youth leader and praise band member at DUMC. Experience with performance venues, both on and off stage, with various sound and lighting systems. Background in electrical engineering (Wayne State BSEET); currently Quality Engineer and Supervisor at Terumo Cardiovascular Systems.	Needs and Planning			
Carl Espy	DUMC Director of Administration. MBA, University of AL, CPA. Over 30 years as a senior executive primarily in the real estate and financial services industries. Strategic planner, contract negotiator, manager and leader. Strong financial background.	Executive Committee	Selection	Negotiation	Finance
Chuck Donahey	Graduate of U of M, 1947 BSE, College of Engineering. Superintendaent for Highway Contractors (Highways and Bridges). Construction Engineer, Consultlting Engineer firm (water, wastewater treatment plants). Retired US Army Full Colonel. S-3 and C.O. 333rd Engineer Construction Group (Reserve, Active Duty). DUMC Trustee.	Needs and Planning			
Denise Kasischke	DUMC Pastor of Children and Family Ministry. Grew up in Shawnee, KS. Attended Andrews University in western MI. Degrees in Religion, Business Administration and Secondary Education. Attended Fuller Theological Seminary, for an MA in Religion and Family Life Education.	Needs and Planning			
Jack Donaldson	Graduate of U of M as a mechanical engineer. Registered with the State of Michigan as a professional engineer and a building code official. Seven years with Ann Arbor Architects and Engineering. Then, City of Ann Arbor for 26 years, 16 as the Director of the Building Dept. Served two terms on the State of Michigan Construction Code Commission. Since 1996, building code consultant.	Executive Committee	Leader Selection and Planning		
Jeremy Hannich	DUMC Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries. Worked at DUMC since the fall of 2007. Loves sports, the outdoors, and competing at just about anything. Lived in Canada, Germany, and Turkey. A graduate of U of M with a degree in Near Eastern Studies and German Language. Spent a year doing mission work in the Middle East. At DUMC, works with the High School Youth Group and the College and Young Adults as well.	Needs and Planning			
John Nixon	DUMC member for approximately 20 years, past member of Stewardship and Ad Counsel at DUMC. Thirty plus years in the Investment business with the most recent years inside a banking institution.	Negotiation	Finance		
Karl Fink	Karl Fink has business and law degrees from The University of Michigan. He is a former Washtenaw County Trial Court Judge and former Webster Township Trustee. He is a mediator, arbitrator and practicing attorney.	Selection	Negotiation		
Leigh Hook	Involved in many different sized churches and has a grasp of space and functionality. Experience with all the age groups affected by this new building process with the ability to represent them well. Ability to articulate ideas well. Team player. Degree in Biblical Studies from the Multnomah University, Portland, OR.	Needs and Planning			
Matt Hook	DUMC Senior Pastor. Native of Birmingham, MI. Attended Depauw University for music and business. Master in Divinity from Garrett-Evangelical Seminary, Doctorate in Ministry from Asbury Theological Seminary focusing on how seminaries are preparing spiritually alive pastors for the local church. Primary "vision caster" of DUMC as a community-facing church.	Executive Committee	Needs and Planning		

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Matthew Niermann	Permanent and visiting faculty of architectural design, M.S. of Architecture and Ph.D. candidate at U of M in architecture, BS and Masters of Architecture, from University of Illinois, M.A. of Christian Apologetics from BIOLA, M.A. of Theology and Th.M of Missiology from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. Focusing research in Protestant church building aesthetics in America. Also engaged in global mission strategy through service on board of director positions and as Director of Strategic Operations for The Lausanne Movement. Fully licensed architect (Illinois).	Selection	Needs and Planning		
Meredith Roe	Daughter of a builder and grew up on job sites. Owner of Concerto, a space planning, design and organization services firm based in Dexter. One of her most recent large scale projects includes the planning, layout and design of a 36,000 sq foot commercial building remodel with a project cost of \$3.5 million. Meredith worked hand in hand with the architects on the building's design and layout, was the Project Manager responsible for managing the general contractor as well as all sub-contractors, additionally she handled the complete interior decor selections from finishes and carpet to furnishings and fixtures. She has organized and designed over 100 spaces in the greater Ann Arbor area and brings a breadth of planning and design experience to the team.	Needs and Planning			
Paul White	Administrative Council chairperson and Lay Leader. Has served a variety of roles at Dexter UMC for more than thirty years. Served on the Dexter Board of Ed for twelve years, and the building committees for the renovation of Bates, Creekside and Copeland and the construction of Cornerstone, Mill Creek and the new High School.	Negotiation			
Steve Bringardner	DUMC Pastor of Care and Membership Assimilation. A native of Columbus, OH. Graduate of Olivet Nazarene University and Nazarene Theological Society with a Masters of Divinity. Ordained in 1974. Goal is to help people form deep connections with God and their church family through pastoral care, spiritual direction, worship and small groups.	Needs and Planning			
Stewardship Cell	Manages financial operations, banking and budgeting	Finance			
Tom Snyder	DUMC Director of Missions and Small Group Life. Has been heavily involved with all the building projects on the Dexter UMC, Newkirk site. He served as construction manager for the building of the Education Building, Edge, and office addition. He was on every building committee except during the building of the sanctuary. He is a licensed builder/contractor. He has built over 250 houses. Tom has a B.S. and M.S. in Forestry and Natural Resources and a Masters of Divinity.	Executive Committee	Selection	Construction Management	
Tom Tyson	Representing the Trustees Cell which is responsible for asset management, repair, maintenance and replacement of all church property	Needs and Planning			