

From the CCC Retreat House Task Force:

**We invite you to join us in a conversation
with our new Retreat House architect,
Lisa Dall'Olio Saturday, May 30 at 9:00 AM
In the Conference Room**

Over the course of the last few years, we've had many opportunities to have both formal and informal conversations about the Retreat House. We've had visioning days, reports to the congregation, and times of solitary reflection. Church camp has experienced the house in new ways in an attempt to keep our children ever safer. We've found the joys of new activity and reading spaces on the second floor, and the fun and fears of sleeping in tents. And now we ask you to join us in the appointment of a new architectural firm (see reverse), as we are finally ready to put pen to paper and consider new directions with our building and property.

As the Task Force has listened to you and spoken among ourselves, the list below seems to reflect the priorities for improving the Retreat House property. We present these not as a *fate accompli*, but as a starting point for a congregational conversation with our architect, Lisa Dall'Olio.

Primary Objectives

1. The House should remain the center focus of the Retreat Experience, and be made structurally sound.
2. Our facilities should meet current life safety and health code requirements to provide a safe and secure environment, especially for our children.
3. Create a multi-purpose space that can accommodate at least 30 people, arts and crafts, and other typical retreat activities.
4. Modify and/or create spaces that are accessible for all, including a sleeping space with unit heating and air conditioning.
5. Improve kitchen facilities to improve sanitation, working space, and improved food storage.
6. Improved/enlarged bathroom facilities
7. Provide for a clothes dryer.

Secondary Objectives

1. Improved, out of sight parking areas
2. Improved access to the riverfront

Learn more about Lisa:

Architect Selected To Develop Retreat House Master Plan

Lisa Dall'Olio of Grove and Dall'Olio Associates in Martinsburg, WV, has been selected by the Retreat House Task Force to work with CCC on developing a comprehensive master plan for the Retreat House.

Before submitting a proposal, Lisa visited the Retreat House on the closing work retreat last November. She impressed CCC volunteers with her energy and enthusiasm. Several factors weighed favorably in the Task Force's consideration:

- Lisa's experience in synthesizing the needs and desires of diverse constituencies sharing one building. Notably, she worked on a restoration project of a building willed to a town with the proviso that the building accommodate several performing arts and other community groups. The reference on that project praised Lisa's skills in drawing out all points of view and then producing a plan that enabled every constituency to maximize the building's potential for their purposes while accommodating others' needs harmoniously.
- Lisa's and her husband and business partner, Matthew's, commitment to living their values and ideals. They bought a farm in West Virginia, on which they are developing a community that incorporates green building standards and sustainable organic agriculture.
- Demonstrated success with renovation, restoration and adaptive reuse projects.
- Lisa's willingness to work with the church to manage future construction cost-effectively, and references that confirm her ability to do so.
- References that speak to Lisa's ability to understand what the client wants and then manage a project with minimal supervision and from a distance.

Jackie Walters for the Retreat House Task Force