



Van Con Recommendation

The opportunity to move to a completely new church facility is one that comes to a congregation less often than once every hundred years. In our case, both our buildings were in excess of one hundred years of age. Our ministry dreams and visions had evolved to a point where current facilities proved inadequate and we decided on construction of a new facility.

We had many meetings and discussions where we listed as many uses and desires as we could think of. Out of this process, we arrived at an extensive list of requirements for how long the new facility should function and how many different ways we wanted to be able to put it to use. Flexibility, multiple activities concurrently and easy conversion from one use to another were vital requirements. Most of all, we wanted the facility to feel welcoming and comfortable and to be easily recognized as a church both inside and out and from any angle (including from above.)

This done, we began a search for a designer/builder and toured many churches and interviewed contractors to see what the various contractors were capable of.

Van Con caught the vision. They were the contractor that we overwhelmingly agreed could best understand what we were dreaming of and would be willing to work with us as we moved from ideas to design and on through a multitude of changes, revisions and tweaks. They were extremely helpful as they worked up the designs and cost estimates for the many "what if we do this" ideas.

Once the construction was underway, we had full time contact and interface with Van Con personnel. Over the construction period our relationship evolved from one of customer and supplier to one of friends and co-workers.

Van Con worked tirelessly to find ways to improve our building while staying inside the constraints of our funding. They continue to be responsive and helpful as we work through the de-bugging issues that come up in a project of this scope and complexity. When we are ready for phase two construction we will certainly include them among those companies we ask for bids.

If your organization would like the opportunity to tour our facility we would be pleased and proud to show you around and answer any questions you might have.

We, Germantown United Methodist Church, recommend without reservation that you consider Van Con for your construction projects.