

## **New Addition Release to News Guide**

The First Congregational Church of Manchester broke ground for a new addition on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. The addition will provide wheelchair accessibility to both wings of the church as well as an aesthetically pleasing entrance that connects to all three levels of the sanctuary and education wing.

Rev. Steven Berry of FCC shared, "It has been a blessing working with our architects, Bill Badger and Claudio Veliz. It has been a further blessing to have such open minded folks on the Architectural Committee chaired by Sue Robinson."

In addition to ensuring wheel chair access, the new addition will be a communal and thought-provoking entrance to the church. Robinson commented, "The three-story addition will follow the themes of water, earth, and sky from bottom to top. A waterfall will flow on the ground floor. Plants will be prevalent on the second floor, and finally translucent panels by Kalwall on the ceiling will allow in natural light." Among these markers of the natural world in the lobby will be additional social space.

The next step after the completion of the new addition will be an updating of and an addition to the education annex. Robinson commented, "FCC is a meeting place for the whole town. We have so many groups meeting in our annex and we would like to provide a better space for them."

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