

The Kempton New Church School School Expansion Fund

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Dear Friends,

The Lord teaches in *Divine Providence* 178: "It is reason's essential delight to see from love the effect in the thought, not after but before the effect is reached, that is, not in the present but in the future. This is the source of what is called Hope, which increases and decreases in the reason as man sees or anticipates the event."

The love for a future generation of the New Church, fed by a K-12 New Church School here in Kempton, is coming into effect and providing hope. This update aims to provide some more information to think about and increase our hope.

As of February 1, \$307,968.62 has been contributed or pledged to the School Expansion Fund! The contributions and pledges have come from 47 people and two foundations. The Kempton New Church Board of Trustees has also determined that a sizable portion of the Income and Reserve Fund could go to supporting the school expansion. So while we still have work to do, we are well on our way to a complete K-12 New Church education here in Kempton.

The costs of the project are beginning to come into better focus as well. The preliminary building plan (which can be viewed by clicking on the "Expansion" tab and then on "What's Happening" at kncs.org) is conservatively estimated to cost just under \$1 million. But as approved by the society in November, the process of gaining more detailed pricing is underway right now and hopefully lower cost figures will be available in the coming months for society consideration.

Thank you very much for your continued consideration of this most important use. If you would like to contribute to this effort, a self-addressed return envelope is included with this letter. Please make checks payable to the Kempton New Church with "School Expansion Fund" indicated on the memo line. You can also contribute through kncs.org by clicking on the "Expansion" tab and then on "Contribute."

"For I know the thoughts that I am thinking about you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope" (Jer. 29:11).

Sincerely,

Chris and Tabitha Judson

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