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Central Board Approves Facilities Plan and Capital Campaign

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The November 2008 meeting of the Board of Directors was most significant for the future of Central Baptist Theological Seminary. Formal actions taken by board members included approval of an \$8 million *Cultivating Excellence* capital campaign and a related facilities plan. The plan, drawn up by architectural designers of GouldEvans in Kansas City, Mo., includes renovation of existing facilities at 6601 Monticello Road, Shawnee, Kan., as well as new construction on that property.

The *Cultivating Excellence* capital campaign is focused in three general areas. First will be the renovation of the current building to upgrade classroom space and offices, and to create a state of the art **theological library** to serve students and the larger community. The library will feature a special area with resources related to Congregational Health and an area focused on Global Christianity. Second, the campaign will include a new stand-alone **Chapel** to be used as a place of worship for Central's community and new church plant (*The Journey Church*). The new Chapel will also serve as a teaching lab for Central's students. Finally, the campaign seeks to build **Central's Endowment**.

A little over half of the campaign goal of \$8 million has already been raised and pledged. Board Chairperson Phil Love has said, "This is the most exciting new horizon at Central that I have experienced. We sensed God's presence as we identified shared values for the design planning process. Now, we are moving forward prayerfully as we seek to match the development of the campus to the seminary's mission."

President Molly T. Marshall reflected on the recent board meeting, "We sense the presence and leadership of the Spirit of God as we move towards these new horizons. The board recognizes the renewal Central is experiencing and commended faculty, staff, and students for their investment of commitment and energy."

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